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OPPOSING GENERALS STILL SQUABBLING.

LABOUR DEMANDS ON BRITISH CIGARETTE CO.

KUOMINCHUN SUCCESSES.

Latest reports from Hankow show that the situation there is still far from composed, mainly due to the fact that rival Generals are still at variance over the disposition of the more lucrative Government posts, the settlement being yet in sight.

The Labour Unions in Hankow are endeavouring to force the British Cigarette Company to reopen their factory, but officials of the Company state that the underlying intention is to put forward unreasonable demands.

The military situation between Shensi and Wansien is confusing, but reports say that the Nationalists are negotiating with General Chen Chien, the defeated Tang Seng-chi follower. The position of Yang Sen is said to be insecure.

There are reports of severe battles on the Lunghai front, in which the Shantung troops are said to have suffered serious reverses. The Kuominchun forces. Several of the Kuominchun leaders are stated to have had narrow escapes.

A declaration has been issued by the Nanking Government regretting the recent shooting affray and ordering the Military Council to investigate the matter. Compensation for victims is also to be arranged.

YANG SEN'S POSITION INSECURE.

Hankow, Nov. 29. While the city is quiet and no signs have appeared of anti-foreign feeling or agitation, it cannot be reported that the situation is developing more favourably. General Chen Chien, commander of the Sixth army, is still quarrelling with General Li Chung-yan as to the disposition of the more lucrative Government posts, and there appears to be little prospect of the rival leaders reaching a settlement.

The latest development in the labour field, is the endeavour of the Labour Unions to force the British Cigarette Company to reopen their factory at Hankow, and to resume work, but it is felt by the foreign factory officials that the ultimate object is the enforcement of unreasonable demands. It is probable that the B.C.C. will refuse to re-start work. —Naval Wireless.

MILITARY CONFUSION.

Yang Sen's Insecure Position.

Wansien, Nov. 29. So much has been happening in one way, and so little in another, that the military situation between Shensi and Wansien is confusing. Reports are conflicting and the Wuhan authorities are not sure how they stand, though among the many reports in circulation is one to the effect that the Nationalists are negotiating with General Ho Chien, the defeated Tang Seng-chi, ite.

It is further stated that General Fang Tsen-wu, who recently came into the field alongside Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, has now severed his relations with Feng and is concentrating his forces in the vicinity of Tai An Fu.

The position of General Yang Sen is insecure in view of recent developments. —Naval Wireless.

SEVERE BATTLES.

Kuominchun Successes.

Shanghai, Nov. 30. A message of Saturday last from Cheng Chow, the headquarters of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, states that the Chihli-Shantung forces under General Tsu Yuan-chun and Wang Tung were badly defeated by the Kuominchun forces near Kwei-teh, on the eastern section of the Lunghai line. The Chihli-Shantung Generals who took charge of the defeated forces narrowly escaped.

On hearing of the critical situation at the Lunghai front, General Chu Yu-pu sent reinforcements to the front, in order to check the rapid advance of the Kuominchun forces. According to the latest report, these reinforcements were also annihilated, after severe battles. General Chu Yu-pu, who

CANTON TROOPS.

MOVING TO WEST RIVER.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

Chinese reports state that more "Ironside" troops have been dispatched from Canton and the North River districts to take up positions on the West River, which many think will be the battle ground of the Kwangsi-ites and the "Ironside" armies, in the near future.

That the "Ironsides" should fight the Kwangsi-ites in the West River districts is quite probable, for it was against General Wang Shao-hung that the Canton coup was aimed. Wang Shao-hung, according to popular reports, has fled to Wuchow, where he is directing his troops and making plans for the coming attempt to re-take Canton.

Important Points.

Wuchow is an important point to hold, whilst Shui-ching is almost equally important, for, with Shui-ching in their hold, the Kwangsi armies would most likely be able to move up north and conquer the Szeui and Ching Yuen districts, thus holding the main routes between Kwangsi and Kwangtung. On the other hand, if the Kwangsi armies should fight their way down south from Shui-ching, they might take the three rich districts in Kwangtung, of Hoi-shan, Koming and Suwai. For this reason, Wang Shao-hung has decided not to meet the "Ironsides" on the East and North Rivers and to move all his armies from Sun-kai, on the North River, back to Shui-ching.

The importance of West River has also been realised by the "Ironside" leaders. Shortly after the coup, there was but one regiment of "Ironsides" troops on the West River, but reports from Canton during the past few days indicate that no less than three full divisions of "Ironside" troops have been concentrated on the West River ready to meet the Kwangsi-ites.

An army of about 2,000 men, under Hsieh Yo, the General who went over from General Li Chai-sun to the "Ironsides" in the recent coup, has been sent back from the North River at Shui-ching to Canton, arriving at the latter city on Monday afternoon en route to West River districts.

"Ironside" Plans.

General Hsieh Yo has arrived from Shui-ching with his army, and on Monday night a meeting of all the "Ironside" leaders was held at Kwai-yuen. From a private source, it is learned that at this meeting it was decided that the concentrating of "Ironside" troops on the West River was desirable not only to resist the Kwangsi-ites, but that, if possible, the "Ironsides" would move further up on the West River and capture Wuchow, the headquarters of Wang Shao-hung, so that the power of the Kwangsi-ites in South China would come to an end. Further particulars of the Kwai-yuen meeting reveal that "Ironsides" intend sending representatives secretly into the various Kwangsi districts to induce the Farmer's Corps there to rebel against Wang Shao-hung. It is believed that after the "Ironsides" have disposed of the Kwangsi armies they intend to return to deal with General Chan Chai-tong at Swatow, on the East River.

Railway Communications.

The extensive troop movements from Canton to the West River districts necessitated the suspension of the Canton-Shamshui Railway service on Monday afternoon, when there were no passenger trains from Canton to Shamshui. However, the service was resumed yesterday morning, but in the afternoon it was again hindered when hundreds of "Ironside" troops were seen taking the train for Shamshui.

Practically the same conditions prevail on the Canton-Hankow Railway (Kwangtung Section). Yesterday morning the service on this line, from Canton to Shui-ching, was suspended because of troop movements. At noon, the service was restored, to normal, when a passenger train left Canton for Sun-kai Station, but the service between Sun-kai and Shui-ching, on the same line, is still affected by the troop movements.

THE HAYLEY-MORRIS DIVORCE.

PARTIES DESCRIBED AS WORTHLESS.

ACTION A "BURLESQUE."

London, Nov. 29.

The divorce court has granted Mr. Hayley Morris a decree nisi on the ground of his wife's alleged adultery with Mr. Dudley Wood of Park Lane, London, against whom damages were claimed. The charges were formally denied. Counsel for the co-respondent at the outset stated that as far as he was concerned the only issue was that of damages.

Counsel for the wife said he was not in a position to put his client in the witness box to deny the adultery. The jury did not consider any damages should be forthcoming. The judge ordered that a decree nisi should be drawn immediately and that the question of the wife's maintenance would be mentioned later. —Reuter.

Mrs. Morris Overcome.

Later. Mr. Hayley Morris was present, in the custody of a warder. After his evidence, his wife rose

HAVE YOU TRIED LETTER GOLF?

Readers will find in to-day's issue of the Telegraph a very interesting feature, known as Letter Golf. The example is given on Page 5, and the solution on Page 11.

It should prove a good means of whiling away a half hour or so, for the means of getting at the final word are not necessarily limited to only one series of intermediate steps. It is also a trial of skill to-day, and become an enthusiast.

to speak from the back of the court, but fainted and was carried outside.

Lord Merrivale, summing up, said adultery between Mrs. Hayley Morris and the co-respondent was clearly proved. Mr. Hayley Morris was entitled to ask for the dissolution of the marriage, and damages. He had apparently provided his wife with all necessities. She had had a house and servants. The judge read a letter to the husband, in which Mrs. Morris said "Cheer up darling, don't worry. We shall soon be together again."

The judge added that the petitioner was worthless, his wife was worthless, and the co-respondent was worthless. "They are all involved in a common degradation, which makes it a burlesque to come to a court of justice and ask for damages." —Reuter.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS ACHIEVEMENT.

A GREAT PUBLIC UTILITY.

London, Nov. 29.

Addressing shareholders of the Imperial Airways, Sir Eric Geddes, the chairman, mentioned that since January 1, 1925, to date—almost three years—the company had carried 22,000 passengers, and had flown nearly 2,500,000 miles, without a single accident causing injury to their passengers. —British Wireless.

A PALESTINE LOAN.

ISSUED ABOVE PAR.

London, Nov. 29.

Another Overseas loan has made its appearance to-day, underwriting being arranged for the issue of £4,500,000 in 6 per cent. stock of the Palestine Government. This loan is guaranteed, for both principal and interest, by the British Government.

The price of issue will be 100½ per cent. —British Wireless.

SCOTTISH BALL.

COLOURFUL SCENES TO-NIGHT.

ALL IN READINESS.

All is in readiness for St. Andrew's Ball, the premier social event of the year, to be held at the City Hall this evening, and which promises to be a triumph of organisation.

Over a thousand invitations have been accepted, and scenes even more colourful than usual are indicated in response to the request of the Chieftain of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, Mr. D. Templeton, that national garb be worn by Scotsmen where possible.

The Decorations.

The City Hall has been transformed, its normal drabness having disappeared in a colourfully picturesque decorative scheme, the prevailing note of which, the familiar blue and white of St. Andrew, is softened by an abundance of greenery, artistically and tastefully arranged, giving an admirable cosy atmosphere in keeping with tradition, and an air of comfort which promises well for the evening's festivities.

An ivy-mantled mansion, the impression to be gained on approaching the entrance, which will be surmounted by a huge illuminated St. Andrew's Cross, has within an air of warmth, with the main hall a veritable bower of greenery, the pillars standing up like thick-foliated trees in a well-lighted garden.

The ladies' and gentlemen's cloakrooms are on the right and left respectively, immediately on entering. A red carpet, edged with blue guides the way to the head of the main staircase through an avenue of palms and flowers, and at the foot on either side are huge illuminated thistles, again expressing the Caledonian atmosphere pervading the entire scheme of decoration.

The Scottish lion shield is viewed through the huge mirror at the head of the staircase. St. Andrew's flag forms the predominant note of the surroundings, but on either side are the crests of Ross and Cameron with illuminated dates 1881 and 1927, indicating the age of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, though of course there was a Caledonian Society in the Colony long before that.

Shields and crests of the many Scottish clans, bordered with greenery, are as usual a feature of the scene to be observed on reaching St. Andrew's Hall and St. George's Hall and the ante-rooms.

Pot palms everywhere abound, while the most striking feature of the scheme of decoration in both St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls is the huge St. Andrew's cross which will float above the dancers from corner to corner of the ceilings. Behind the dais, the painting of Queen Victoria has been draped in flags of St. Andrew and the Union Jack, while facing it is the crest of the President's clan, Macduff, illuminated. The motto is "Virtute et Sphera."

A portrait of Robbie Burns, the Scottish national bard, holds place of honour in St. Andrew's Hall, while pictures of Prince Charles and Sir Walter Scott are to be found in the ante-room and tea-room, in which blue and white prevail.

The Theatre Royal.

Old Greenock, the Chieftain's native town, forms, in a scene of 50 or 60 years ago painted by Mr. George Duncan, O.B.E., who has been mainly responsible for the decorations—the background to the Theatre Royal stage, which has been cleverly designed to represent a hotel supper room, with pictures and stag's head on the wainscoting, looking out on the old causeway and the buildings of characteristically Scottish architecture. On their way to the stage, the official supper party will pass through archways of greenery.

The Theatre Royal is tastefully decorated in blue and white, and the Leslie tartan drapes the front of the dress circle.

"Auchtermuchty" and the card rooms are on the ground floor, disarrayed as in former years. Another Greenock view, Queen's Pier, with ducks and umbrellas complete, and normal weather prevailing, is to be found in "Auchtermuchty," which is decorated with flags of every description. (Continued on Page 14.)

CO-OPERATION IN INDUSTRY.

BRITISH WORKERS CONSIDER INVITATION.

EMPLOYERS TO MEET MEN.

London, Nov. 29.

An invitation sent to the Council of the Trades Union Congress by representatives of a large group of employers, to attend a round table conference to discuss the best means of securing peace in industry, will not be formally considered until the meeting of the general council, representing five million workers, on December 20.

It is stated that the invitation will be accepted, subject to certain limitations on the scope of the conference, which will be the first of its kind in the history of British industry.

The trades unions will suggest that only the broad principles of lasting peace be considered at such conferences, and that as a preliminary step they will request the employers to indicate the measures whereby greater co-operation, securing mutual benefits, can be secured. —British Wireless.

THE NEW FORD CAR DESCRIBED.

AND THE PRICE ALSO ANNOUNCED.

New York, Nov. 29.

It is understood that the price of the new Ford car will be about \$500. —Reuter's American Service.

A message from Detroit dated Oct. 24 stated: The first new type Ford car was completed at the Ford Plant of last week at the Fordson Plant, in the presence of Mr. Henry Ford, and his son Mr. Edsel Ford and subsequently placed in the company's office at Dearborn alongside the 15,000,000th of Model T, which is officially the last of a long line of ancestors of the "liver" family.

The new Ford car is a strong contrast with the old one. It is smart-looking, low and rakish and will travel fifty miles an hour easily and sixty if pressed. There have already been tentatively ordered 375,000 of the new Models. The company expect eventually to produce 11,000 cars daily against a maximum of 8,000 "livers" produced under the old scheme.

OIL COMPETITION IN INDIA.

SHELL GROUP TO COMBINE WITH BURMA.

London, Nov. 29.

The Evening Standard states that important negotiations are occurring in London between the Royal Dutch and Shell group, and the Burma Oil Company, for the amalgamation of their marketing interests in India.

Mr. Debenham, a director of the Royal Dutch company, states that the negotiations are proceeding most satisfactorily, and the fusion will undoubtedly strengthen the position of the both companies in meeting competition by Russian oil in the Indian markets.

It is understood that the agreement will cover the whole of India, except Chittagong and Burma. —Reuter.

DISARMAMENT WITH RESERVATIONS.

THE SAFETY MARGIN.

London, Nov. 29.

Speaking in London, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, said that peace had always been, as it was to-day, the greatest interest of this country.

No country in the world had done so much as we to try and preserve peace and reduce armaments. We had reduced the British margin of safety, having regard to the needs of our Empire, nearly to vanishing point.

We had not so much by our words as by our deeds proved the sincerity of our efforts to preserve peace, but there did come a point when to carry disarmament further was to place in jeopardy the safety and peace of the country, whose responsibilities had been entrusted to the Government. —British Wireless.

SHARE DEALS.

DOCTOR LOSES HIS CASE.

DEFENCE ALLEGES FRAUD.

Mr. F. H. Loseby alleged that the whole of the claim was a fraud, in defending an action in the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood.

The case was one in which Mr. J. M. Xavier, 9, Chi Wo Street, second floor, Yau-mat, sued Dr. T. P. Woo, medical practitioner, 34, Queen's Road Central, for \$790 as money lent under an I.O.U. The plaintiff conducted his own case.

The plaintiff stated that the money was a loan, but this was denied by the defendant, who asserted it was interest on a sum of about \$54,000 on a share deal.

Giving evidence, the plaintiff said he was formerly a broker but now carried on business as a merchant. He produced an I.O.U. which was given to him by the defendant some time in 1925, just before the crash in the share market. At that time he (plaintiff) was a broker, but he was not a member of any exchange. The defendant was one of his clients. They first transacted business on March 3, 1925.

The defendant asked plaintiff for a cash loan, and the latter lent to the former \$790 for which he received the I.O.U. He had asked for repayment on several occasions, but without success. The I.O.U. had no connexion with share transactions but was purely a loan.

In reply to his Lordship, plaintiff stated that he did not keep any books.

Lent \$41,000.

Answering Mr. Loseby, plaintiff asserted that he had lent money to the defendant, adding that a short time ago he issued another writ against Dr. Woo in respect of money lent. That had no connexion with share deals. He had lent other money as well to the defendant. Once he lent \$41,000 by cheque, made payable to Dr. Woo, but that was concerned with a share transaction in April, 1925. That amount was for carrying over shares by the plaintiff.

Mr. Loseby was further proceeding to cross-examine on this point when his Lordship intervened, saying that the claim was limited and unless Mr. Loseby wanted to establish any other point relevant to the claim he could not proceed.

Replying to his Lordship, plaintiff said he had 18 additional I.O.U.s signed by the defendant, which were not sued upon. Only one of them was for a cash loan, the amount being \$520.

Mr. Loseby produced two documents, and asked plaintiff whether they were purchase forms, suggesting that they showed that he bought certain shares on behalf of Dr. Woo. Plaintiff replied they did not show he bought any shares for Dr. Woo. They represented loans and not purchases.

His Lordship remarked he did not want to intervene unnecessarily, but the cross-examination seemed quite out of line with the claim.

Counterclaim Argument.

Mr. Loseby said he would like to file a counter claim, but his Lordship replied he could not consider that at such a stage.

Mr. Loseby contended that he had the right to counterclaim, remarking that he could find nothing in the Code to prevent him. He asked if he might argue the point at a later stage.

His Lordship replied he could do so if he raised the point, but he did not desire Mr. Loseby to ask any counterclaim questions at that stage.

Referring to the purchase documents, it was stated that they referred to 1,000 old Hongkong Hotel shares and 1,000 Tramway Company shares.

His Lordship: Do I understand that you, when these documents were issued, had these shares? —Yes.

You held these shares against a loan on June Settlement Day? —Mr. Loseby here interposed, saying he was suggesting that the whole of the claim was a fraud.

Replying to Mr. Loseby, plaintiff said he bought the shares some time in March. When Mr. Loseby asked for the name of the person from whom the plaintiff bought the shares his Lordship again intervened. (Continued on Page 8.)

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HIGH COST OF LIVING.

DISCUSSION AT SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

Interest was attached to the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon on account of a resolution for the appointment of a Sub-Committee of the Board to go into the question of the re-adjustment of rents of market stalls.

Mr. W. J. Carrie, Head of the Sanitary Board, presided, and there were also present, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Lt. and Brevet Colonel J. S. Bostock, C.B.E., R.A.S.C. (who was appointed vice-Lt. Colonel S. Boylan Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.M.C.); Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works), Mr. R. A. C. North, Dr. G. W. Pope, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. D. Davies, (Secretary) and Mr. J. Watson (Assistant Secretary).

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chairman said he would like to say a few words on the passing of one for many years was a distinguished member of the Board. He referred to the late Dr. W. W. Pearce, who recently died at home. The Chairman said he was not qualified, in view of his recent association with the Board, to speak on Dr. Pearce's services on that body, but from his knowledge of Dr. Pearce outside his office he could say that Dr. Pearce was a man of wide culture, a very interesting speaker at all times, a very genial soul, and possessed of a keen sense of humour. He was a very likeable man who took a great interest in the junior service. The Chairman felt sure that the Board would like an expression of sympathy and regret to be sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Pearce.

Dr. S. W. Tso seconded, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

The Cost of Living.

Dr. Koch then said: In introducing the resolution which stands in my name I would like to state that it is the outcome of the short discussion on the subject of market rentals which took place at a recent meeting of the Board when Mr. Braga gave notice that he would submit it. As Mr. Braga's tenure of membership terminated on my return, I willingly undertook at his request to introduce it.

And here I may perhaps be allowed to congratulate the Board on the fact that it had the advantage of the assistance of such an active and vigorous member as Mr. Braga proved himself.

Now, this resolution really expresses a pious hope that means may be found and measures suggested for bringing down the prices of commodities. Could we not institute the way Italy deals with such matters—the Government fix the prices in each district—a list is posted up in each grocery, butchers, fruit shop, and if a customer is overcharged or gets false weight he complains to the police, and a heavy fine, or even imprisonment, is inflicted if the charge is proved.

If one takes the trouble to look at the official market list which is posted up to be only a guide to prices, one must be struck by the fact that there is and has been a steady rise year by year. Those who have the experience of housekeeping must realise this fact. If we must see that in addition to higher prices caused by higher rentals there are some contributory causes which assist this inflation.

We have first the scarcity of produce, due to the political disturbances in the areas of supply, and also additional taxes imposed on the produce on the way down before it reaches Hongkong. This with the well-known economic law of supply and demand tends to put up the initial cost.

Squeeze.

Then another contributory cause is the lax and slipshod

method of housekeeping fairly universal and prevalent in the Colony, where everything is left to the boy. It is well-known, or ought to be well-known, that in most households there is a system of "squeeze" (to use a significant word)—that is to say the market cooie has "squeeze" from the market, the cook takes a hand in the game, and then comes the boy for his share. All these exactions have to be borne by the householder, and naturally add to the cost. I remember the head of a house telling me once that he allowed his boy \$30 a month squeeze, but if this was exceeded there was a row and he would come down on him. Fancy \$30 a year slipping in this fashion!

Now nearly the same thing occurs in every household, and where the housekeeper does not keep a watchful eye on the housekeeping, expenses naturally go up, and there is an outcry about high prices. It is really a case of your wife pitted against the servants' wits, and this goes on until from sheer exhaustion and the love of a peaceful life you give in. The worst offenders in this respect are bachelors in messes, who, as a rule, leave the catering and everything to the No. 1 Boy, and are completely at his mercy. Incidentally this adds enormously to the difficulties of the servant question.

Not a Simple Matter.

However, we see now that the question of the reduction of the prices of commodities is not the simple matter one is apt to think it is. A number of factors has to be reckoned with, but perhaps chief of them is the matter of rental of market stalls.

It has become a tradition that stallholders enjoy a monopoly, that the hereditary transmission of stalls is tacitly agreed to by the authorities, and that free tendering is rigorously suppressed by existing rules, and that competition is suppressed.

These are matters which I might suggest should be investigated and reported on. Competition should be permitted, higher rents with consequent higher prices are not required. The authorities are not out to collect high revenues.

With these few words, Sir, I beg to submit the resolution which stands in my name for consideration, and hope for consent of the Board.

Dr. Koch then moved: "That a Committee of this Board be appointed, composed of the President, and Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Dr. S. C. Ho, to inquire into the question of the re-adjustment of rents of market stalls and report to the Board."

Chinese View.

Dr. S. W. Tso said: I shall be pleased to serve on the Committee which the Board has just appointed, but I think that the scope of inquiry by this Committee should be clearly defined and understood.

The subject before the Board is the advisability or inadvisability of readjusting market rents by making those stallholders who are paying a low rental pay the higher one their neighbouring stallholders are now paying.

In the Red Book which was recently circulated, I noticed that the higher rental therein mentioned amounted to double or treble that paid by previous holders when their stalls were re-let. The reason or cause of this enormous increase should be carefully enquired into.

Mr. Braga, in his address to the Board at a previous meeting, referred again to the high prices of food-stuffs in the Colony. This subject was fully gone into by the Sub-Committee appointed in June 1926, of which the Head of the Sanitary Department, my colleague representing the Chinese section of the Community and myself were members. That Sub-Committee, although possessing no power of controlling food-prices, succeeded nevertheless to a certain extent in preventing food-prices from soaring up to an extraordinary height during a most

trying period of emergency. The only thing that the Sub-Committee could do was to interview, reason, and warn wholesale and retail dealers; to take a careful account of live-stock imported; and to keep a look-out on market prices in their relation to the prices paid for imported stocks.

Limited Inquiry.

Beyond this, the Sub-Committee could do little; but I understand at that time that the Head of the Sanitary Department, before the appointment of the Sub-Committee, had already rendered every assistance to the importers of live-stock and to the cultivators of land in the New Territories in facilitating transport of their goods to the Colony and local markets.

I do not wish the public to be led into thinking that the newly-appointed Sub-Committee is going into that question again. The system of making a report of the amount of imported live-stock and on the retail and market prices on meat is, at my suggestion, being maintained, and the reports are now being circulated once a month for the information of members of the Board. The question of market rents is but one of the many points bearing on the subject of market prices. It seems to me quite impossible for a Sub-Committee of this Board to deal with so complicated and important a question as the food prices of the Colony, which depend so much on the solution of many knotty problems, economic or otherwise, over which the Board has no control.

The Monopoly.

I should like also to take this opportunity of removing an impression created by Mr. Braga's address, that is, that the hereditary holding of market stalls is responsible for the "market ring." As a matter of fact, a ring will always exist in a market so long as stallholders have an exclusive right of selling food-stuffs within a certain area known as the "Market Limit." Within that area, market stallholders possess a monopoly and they soon found that it was to their interest to unite together and maintain high prices, whether they be newcomers or hereditary holders. Under the present market system, it is quite conceivable that a ring of stallholders does exist.

The system of allowing hereditary holding in markets I consider is but fair and reasonable, for it is most inequitable, if not iniquitous, to take away a man's business and business goodwill immediately after his death and to sell it to the highest bidder without any compensation whatsoever, especially when he has established and carried on such a business for a number of years. If the Government were to insist upon carrying out the rule of revising market rents every three years, those stallholders who cannot pay a higher rental would in consequence have their licences forfeited, and their stalls put up for public auction. There would be lack of competitors for them in view of the virtual monopoly. The Government coffers would reap the benefit of such competition, but the public would have to pay.

It is my firm belief that the revising of market rents is secondary to the more important question of better facilities for marketing in this Colony for example, erecting more small markets or, better still, the granting of more licensed premises for sale of food-stuffs which would do away with the "market limit" and encourage competition.

Not Helpful.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin said: With your permission I should wish to make a few observations on the motion which has just been put before the Board.

It is, however, with reference to the appointment of a Committee to consist of you yourself, my Chinese colleagues and myself, that I cannot see my way to be in accord. It is not the personnel that I object,

for in truth, I can find (excluding myself) no better man to serve in such matters; but it is the necessity of forming a committee that I query. In my connection with the Board I have had the honour of serving on numerous Committees and have not found that they have been particularly helpful. At best, a Committee can only advise, but cannot decide. It is a luxury, not a necessity. I suggest that the head of the Sanitary Department alone would be sufficient to deal with the matter; and he may if he wish refer more difficult cases to the Board.

Arising out of this question of rent adjustment there is an ominous problem to be faced and it is to this problem that I wish to draw the attention of the Board. A natural consequence of our attempt to revise the rents would result in a corresponding attempt on the part of the stallholders to raise their prices. Rents increased to them would mean profits lessened and it is only human nature for them to seek re-imbursement. They will try to pass on their burden to the consumer and will succeed—particularly when they have a monopoly as they do under our present system.

Price Control.

The markets are the only places where meat may lawfully be sold and meat stalls have been known and on more than one occasion to have formed themselves into rings. That most of the increases in price may be directly traced to the efforts of these rings, there can be little doubt. We would thus be pursuing a bad economic policy if in seeking to augment the revenue of the Colony, we simply succeeded in raising the price of foodstuffs in the Colony. In my opinion the only solution lies in price control. The time has come for legislation to provide for fair prices. As one learned member ably pointed out in a previous meeting, the public must be safeguarded from the merciless assaults of unscrupulous profiteers. It is my suggestion that when we launch our scheme of rent adjustment we should at the same time ensure that they would not prove a mere boomerang which will simply recur to the disadvantage of the public, whose condition we are seeking to improve.

Personally I should be glad to hear the views of other able members on this point, and in order that they may give their opinions, I wish at the end of this discussion formally to give notice with your approval, Sir, that I will introduce at the next meeting a motion touching this matter.

The Chairman stated he would like to go into the whole matter with the old Sub-Committee. He gave comparative figures of old and existing rents of market stalls, and said that whatever was being saved by the holder of a cheap stall had not gone to make the prices he charged his customers cheaper. The Chairman desired in any case to go into the matter very exhaustively.

On being put to the meeting, Dr. Koch's motion for the appointment of the new Sub-Committee was adopted.

The next business was in relation to a proposal to remove certain offensive trades from Shamshuipo. The Chairman said that the two establishments concerned were engaged in the trade of resins, in premises which could hardly be deemed suitable. He had endeavoured to obtain particulars of the capital outlay for the purpose of arriving at a decision, but the owners of these establishments were in Canton. In view however of the fact that they had been allowed to occupy the premises for a number of years already, the Chairman proposed that the proprietors of the two establishments be notified that it was the intention of the Board not to renew their licenses after two years, this, to have effect, after November 31, 1929.

The resolution was passed. The remainder of the business of the Board was of a routine nature.

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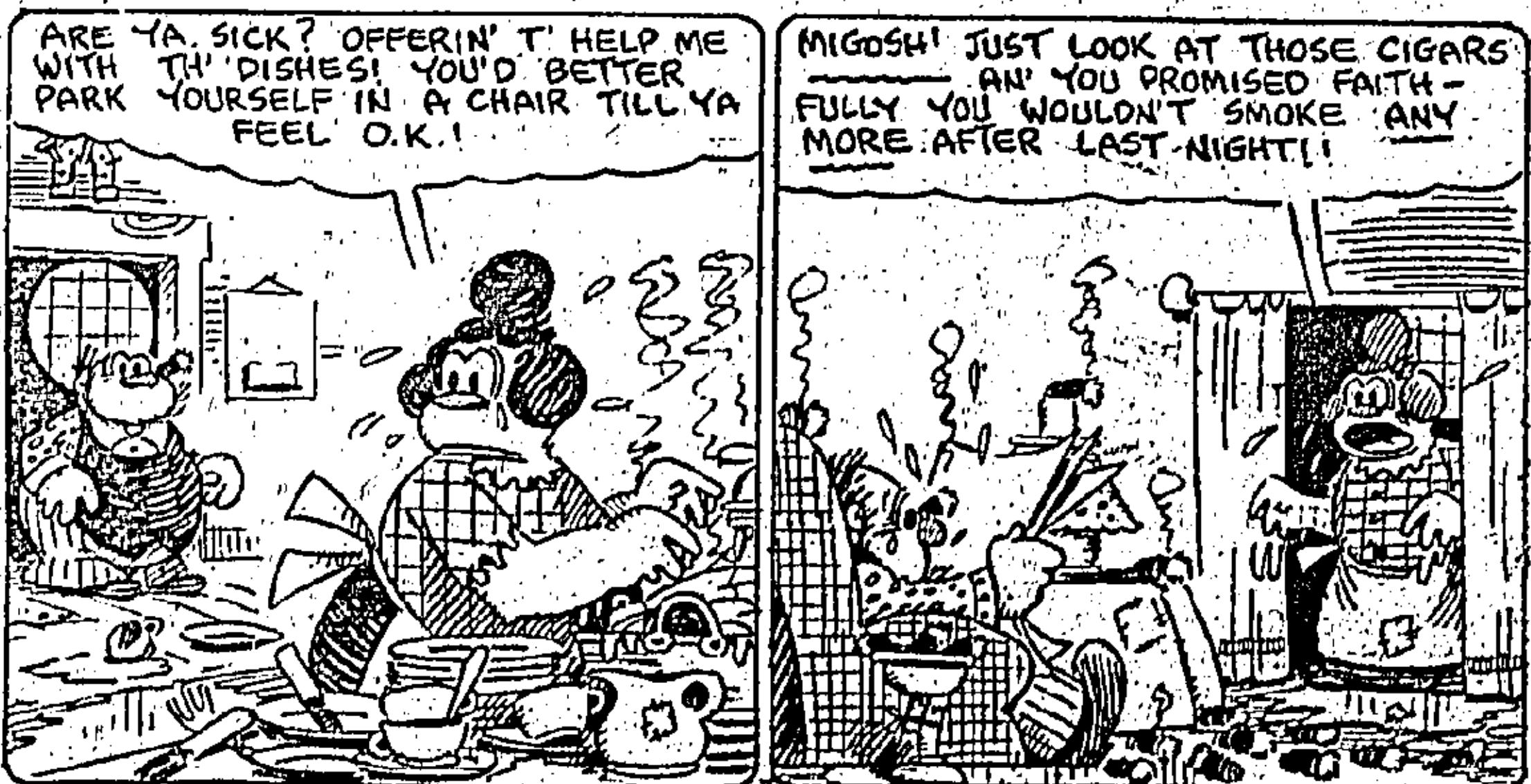
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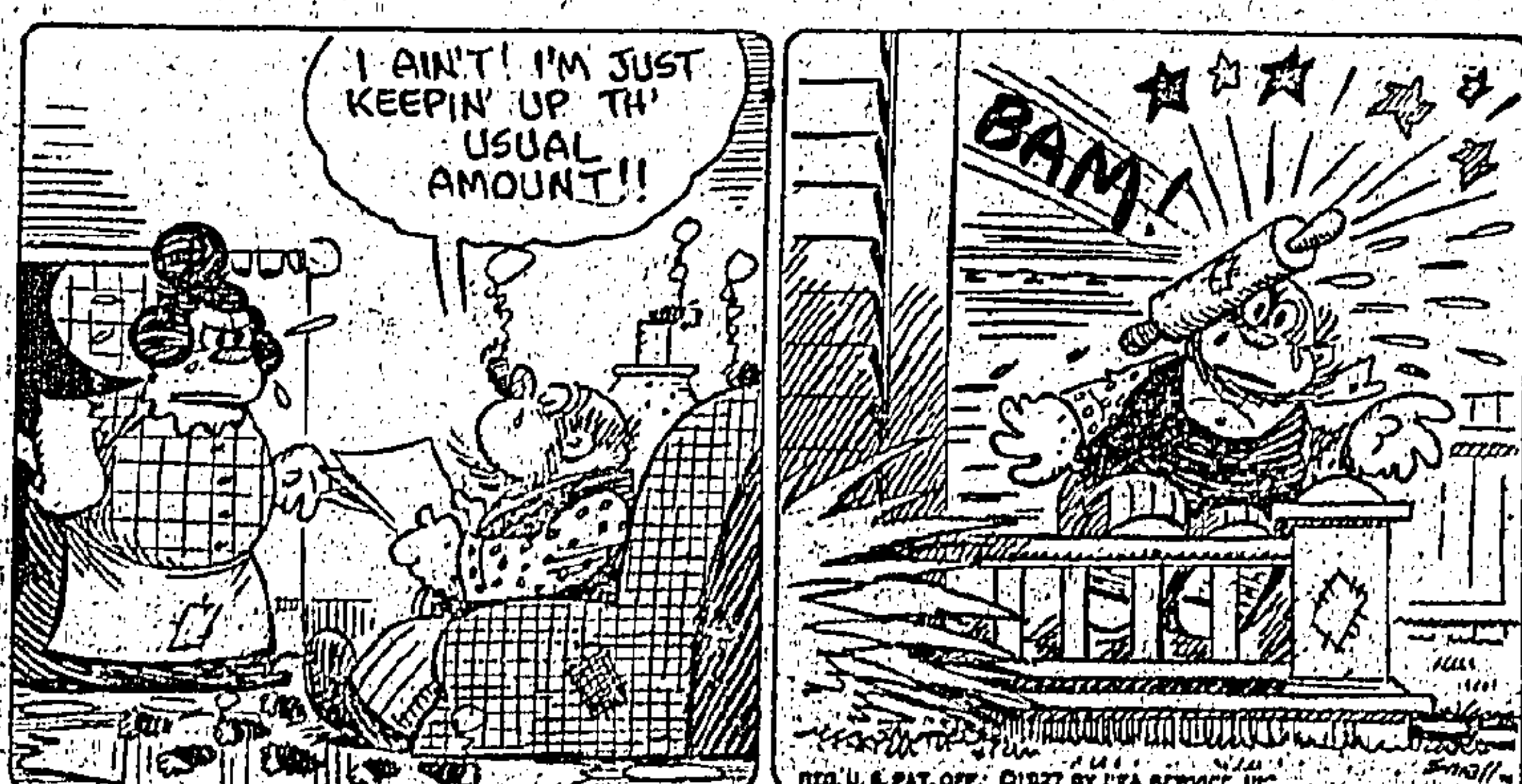


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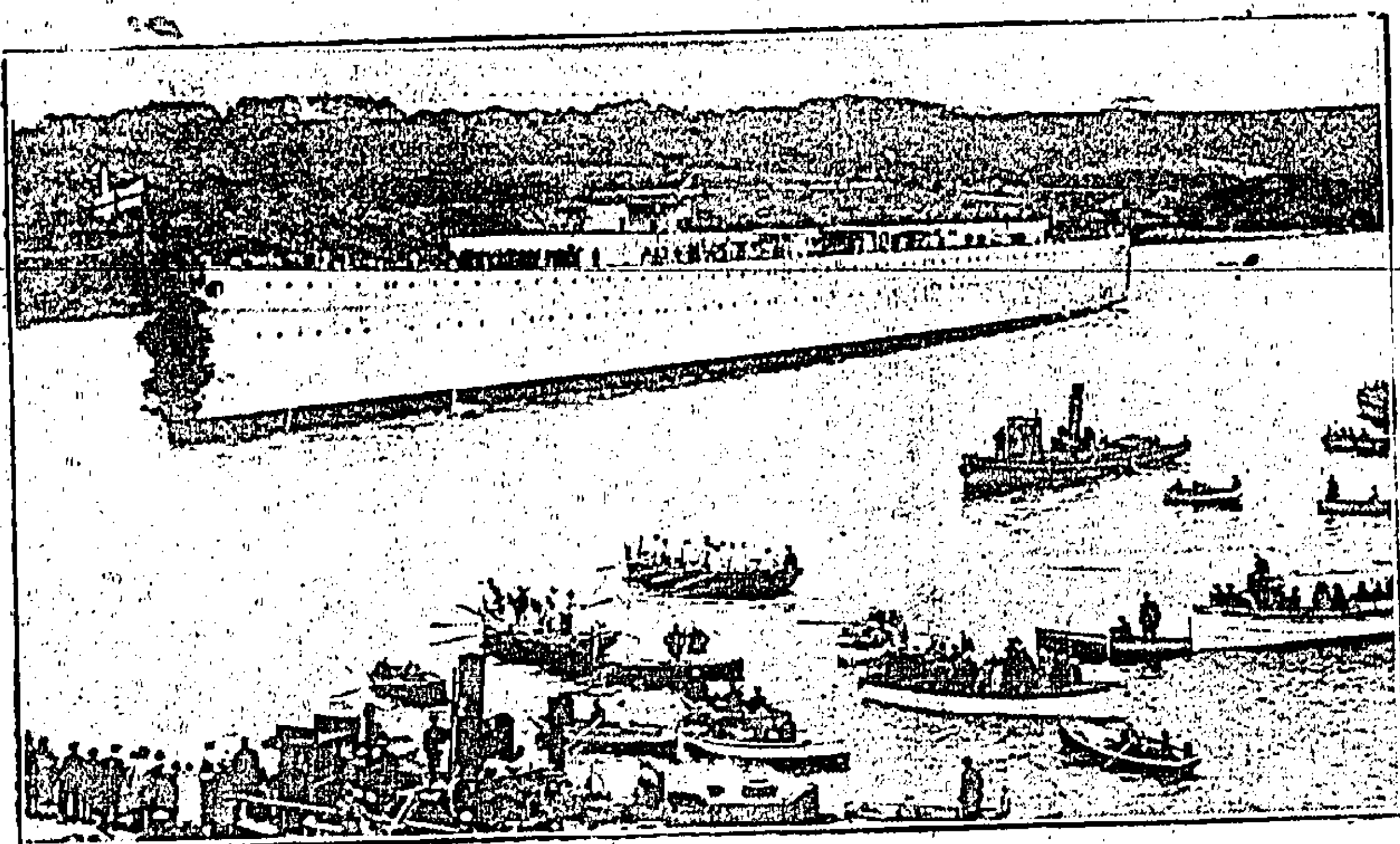
TO JOSEPH CONRAD.—Mr. R. B. Cunningham, here speaking at the recent unveiling of a tablet to Joseph Conrad in the memorial porch of the village hall at Bishopscourt, near Canterbury. (Times copyright)



CENTENARIAN.—One hundred years old and never a headache! That's the novel boast of Senator George C. Desbailles, of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, photographed here on his centennial anniversary.



GENERAL CHIANG IN JAPAN.—General Chiang Kai-shek, being welcomed by Viscount Shibusawa at the entrance of the latter's residence while on his recent visit to Japan. Viscount Shibusawa is the most influential personage to-day in Japanese financial circles.



NEW BRITISH CRUISER.—The launch of H. M. S. Devonshire at Devonport Dockyard. The naming ceremony was performed by Lady Mildmay of Flete, the wife of the Lord Lieutenant of the County. The Devonshire is the second of the four ships of the 1925 cruiser programme. (Times copyright).



PRESENTING THE FESSENDEN FIFES.—To Mrs. Edwin S. Cunningham, wife of the Senior Consul, fell the honour of presenting the Fessenden Fifes and Drums to the 4th Regt. U. S. Marines, at Shanghai. On the left is Colonel Davis, Commander of the regiment.

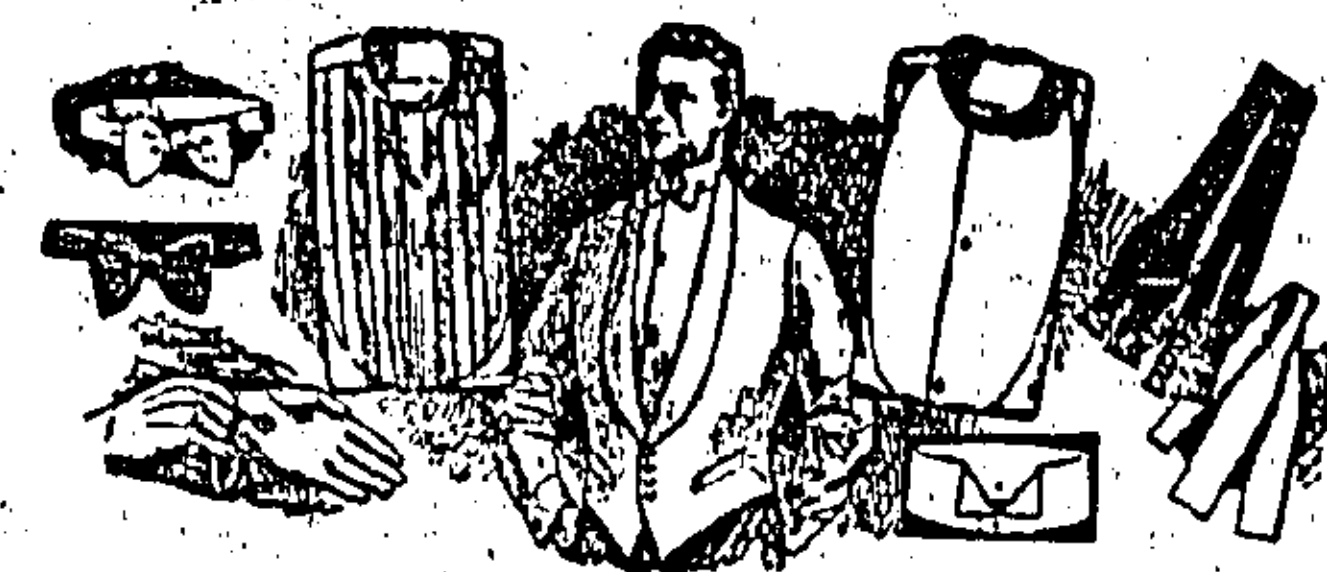


PROPOSED ATLANTIC FLIGHT.—Frances Grayson's premature hop toward Copenhagen from Old Orchard Beach, Me., is pictured here. Brice Goldsborough, her navigator, is seen above lifting her into her Sikorsky amphibian biplane; below, she waves good-bye from the fuselage. But the plane was nose-heavy and a quarter of an hour after the hop-off it hopped back.



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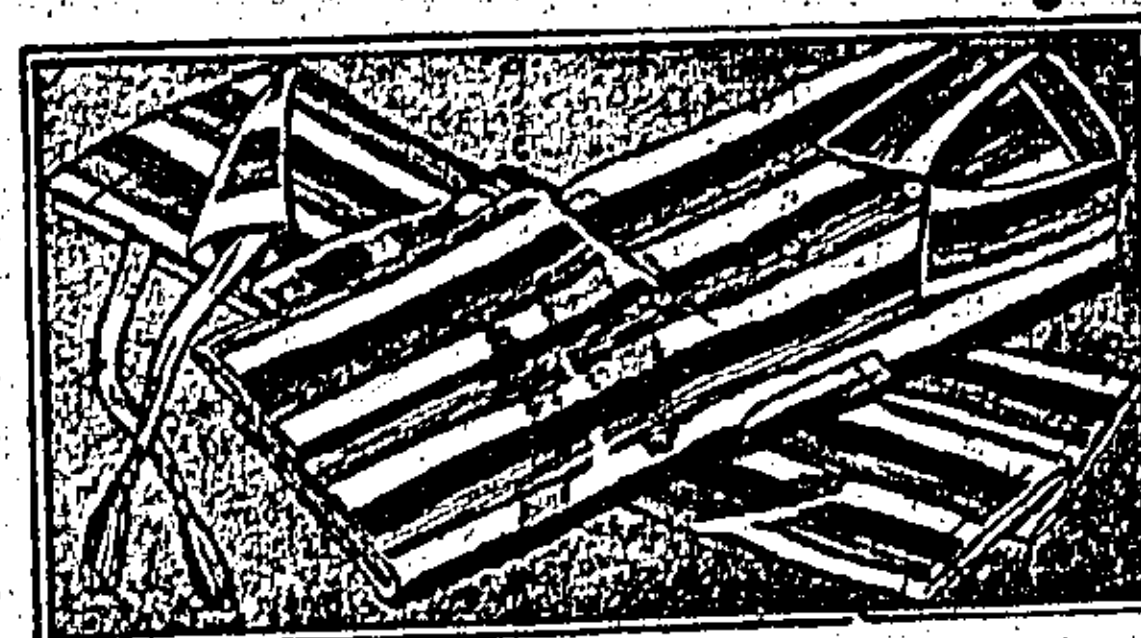
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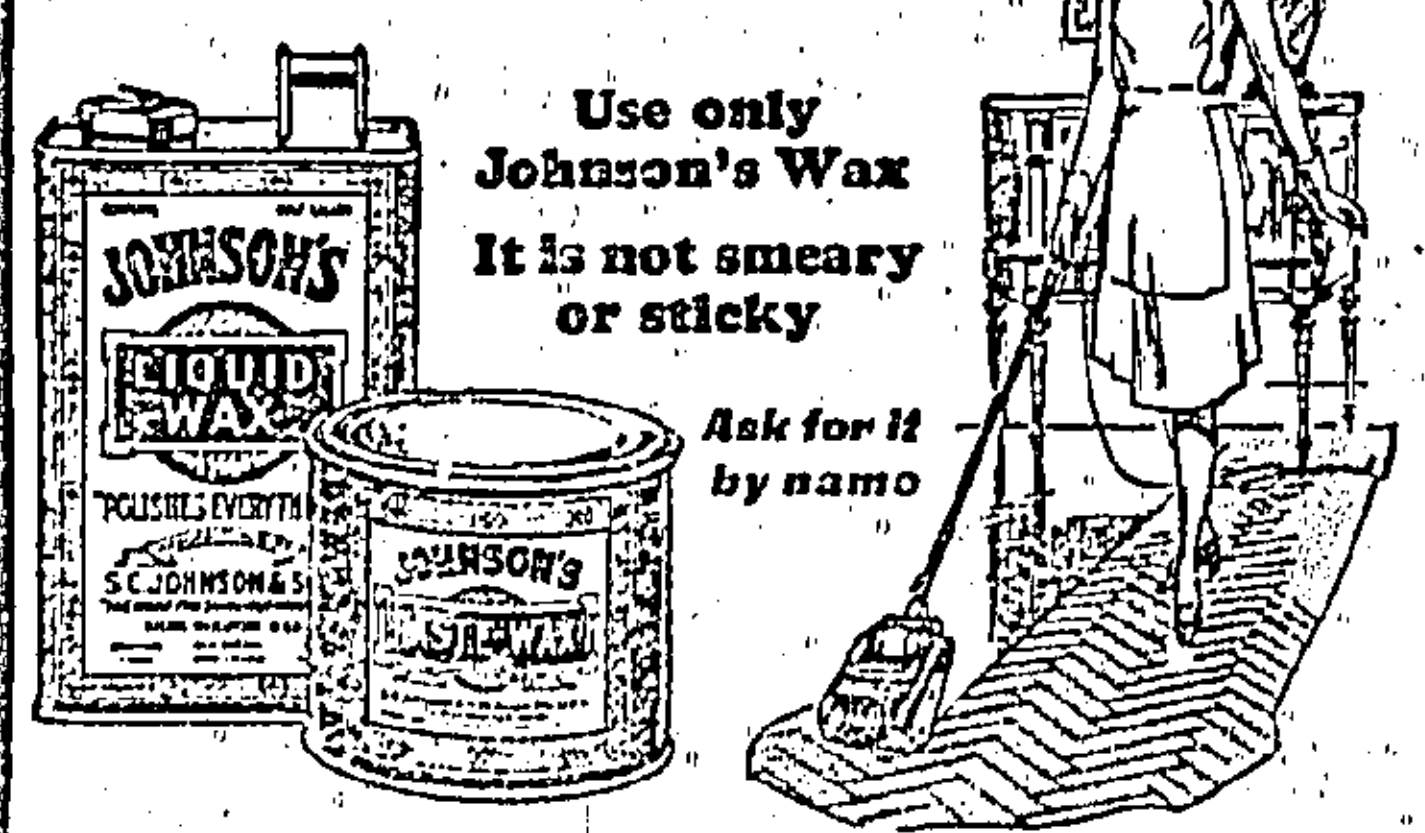
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Canada Maru	Wed., Nov. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Wed., Nov. 30, 4.30 p.m.
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Saloon	Prominent	Thurs., Dec. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Japan	Thurs., Dec. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Thurs., Dec. 1, 1 p.m.
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chengtu	Thurs., Dec. 1, 5 p.m.
Saloon and South Africa	Santos Maru	Fri., Dec. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halchong	Fri., Dec. 2, Noon.
Bangkok	Kwaiyang	Fri., Dec. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tanda	Fri., Dec. 2, 2.30 p.m.

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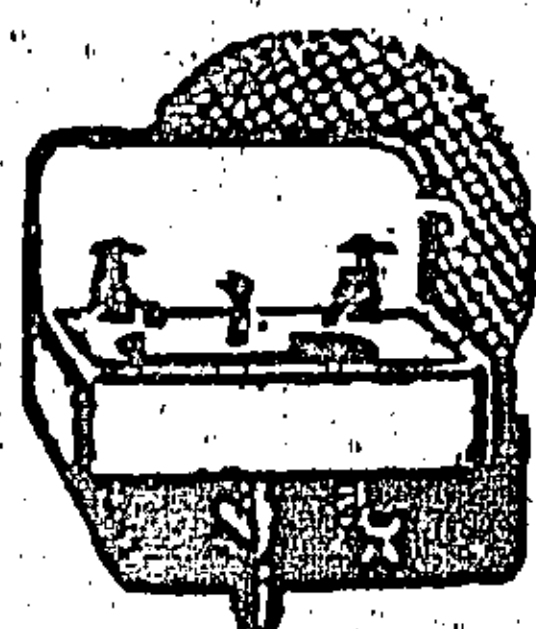
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The bull showed great ferocity when it was approached in the morning. The animal chased a police officer for a distance of over a hundred yards. Mr. H. Green, of the Botanical and Forestry Department, who arrived on the scene, made an end of the animal's mad career by shooting it with his rifle.

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AERIAL PROGRESS.

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London, Nov. 29. The High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Granville Ryrie, referred in a speech at a dinner, to the winners of the Schneider Trophy and the progress of aviation in Australia. There were in Australia 5,000 miles of air routes and a further 5,000 miles were in the course of survey. The mileage covered last year was 540,000 and nearly 11,000 passengers were carried. The Commonwealth Government had increased its subsidy for air service by £200,000, making a total of £400,000.—British Wireless.

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As part of the annual "Drive" in aid of its funds, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will to-morrow hold a street sale of Roses, in which the assistance of a large number of helpers has been secured.

It is to be hoped that the "Drive" will prove a successful one, for the report for the year 1926, which we published a few weeks ago, was a record of the splendid work of charity among the poor of this Colony, of which the Society may well be proud and on the strength of which it may with every confidence appeal to the generous and charitable public of Hongkong.

The Bazaar Committee remind the helpers that the headquarters of Rose Day this year will be at Hotel Savoy, Ice House Street, through the courtesy of Messrs. A. and P. Leong Hing Kee, the proprietors.

Further Donations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge further donations to the funds of the Al Fresco Fete on December 4th.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"SLIDE, KELLY, SLIDE."

The current picture at the Queen's Theatre, "Slide, Kelly, Slide," is chiefly interesting by reason of the insight it gives into America's national game. In it, some remarkably fine glimpses are given of big baseball games in the States. Indeed, the whole story is wrapped up in baseball activities, and for this reason it should make an appeal to all interested in the game. It is a clean picture with a deal of humour running through it, but the main theme relies rather too much on "mushy" sentimentality to make it a really gripping film. This, however, is offset by some very fine acting, in which William Haines, and Sally O'Neil are especially prominent, whilst Junior Coghlan is excellent as the befriended wail, Mickey Martin.

In addition to the main film, there is an intensely interesting news reel, showing, amongst other features, the final of the Davis Cup between America and France, and the international polo match between American and British teams.

THE NOVEMBER "RED TRIANGLE."

A BRIGHT ISSUE.

The November number of the "Red Triangle," the Y.M.C.A. magazine, is another bright issue, with several interesting contributions, which should make it appeal to a wider circle of readers than only Y.M.C.A. members.

The notes on Association activities are brightly written, and the articles in lighter vein are an additional feature. Of the more serious contributions, a talk on "Present Day Problems: the Faith Within Us," "A Glance at the Chinese Mind," "The Chinese Forum," a review of musical needs in the Colony, and some blank verse, are worthy items, while the humorous side is well maintained in "Cackle and Comment," "Greyhound Racing," and No. 2 of "New Light on Old Problems."

LETTER GOLF.

A NEW FEATURE FOR
READERS' SKILL.

What is known as Letter Golf has become very popular at Home, and is a keen rival in popularity to the crossword puzzle. In introducing this form of diversion to Hongkong, the *Telegraph* is, as always, maintaining its policy of giving readers the latest in up-to-date newspaper enterprise. To-day's example is a very interesting one, and the rules are fully set out below.

From COAL to FIRE is only five steps, but it seems a lot farther than that if you're trying to start a fire in the early morning and happen to be walking around in your bare feet. Maybe you can beat bogey, though, on this one. A bogey solution is printed on another page.

COAL

FIRE

The Rules.

- 1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strikes, COW HOW, HEW, HEN.
- 2—You can change only one letter at a time.
- 3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
- 4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

LOCAL CONCERT.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.

A most enjoyable concert was held last evening at the St. Patrick's Catholic Club. Variety and excellence were the keywords of the programme, which was contributed to by many well-known local artists. Those taking part were Prof. E. Gualdi, Father Riganiti, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mr. Li Chor-chi, Mr. J. Braga, Mr. N. Botelho, Mr. A. Baptista, Chief Shipwright Rockey, Mr. G. D'Aquino, Mr. E. D'Aquino, St. Joseph's Choir and "Nobby Grant." Prof. Gualdi and Fr. Riganiti charmed with their two piano duets. Chief Shipwright Rockey showed himself the possessor of a charming voice well suited to the sentimental songs which he sang so well. Mr. G. D'Aquino sang well and in particular with his no less talented brother, Mr. E. D'Aquino, in their duet, "Calm As The Night."

Mrs. Sanger, Mr. Li Chor-chi and "Nobby Grant"—a clever comedian who stonned into the breach caused by the absence of several performers, proving his claim to be "able to do anything"—all deserve special praise. Mrs. Sanger received an ovation after her exquisite rendering of Schubert's Serenade and was presented with a floral basket. St. Joseph's Choir was good, but their singing lacked a little verve.

It is announced that a Congregation of the University for the Conferring of Degrees will be held in the Great Hall of the University on Monday, January 9, 1928, at 5 p.m.

"RAT PRINCE."

ALLEGED "SQUEEZING" OF
HAWKERS.

A rumour was created in Cross Street on Monday night, when some fifty hawkers in the locality were, one after the other, driven into a state of panic by being threatened with violence by a man who claimed that he was a "Government servant." A number were forced into giving "squeeze" to save their stalls and goods from being upset by this important-looking individual.

Later, a man who turned out to be a Sanitary Department coolie, or, as he is called in the vernacular, "a rat-prince," was taken into custody by a Chinese detective on a charge of demanding money by menaces from the hawkers. He was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court and remanded. Sergt. Mac-Ternan prosecuted.

CANTON FIRES.

FURTHER OUTBREAKS ON
SUNDAY.

Further outbreaks of fire are reported from Canton, resulting in considerable damage to property. On Sunday, at noon, an outbreak occurred at Van Po Lane, and, as a result, two business shops and four private residences were gutted. The damage is estimated at about \$8,000. A fireman was injured whilst the Brigade were at work.

On the same day, at about 9.40 a.m., in the vicinity of the Honam Cement Factory, the former headquarters of General Li Chai-sum, a fire broke out at a matshed occupied by troops. It took the firemen fully one hour to check the outbreak. The whole matshed was completely burnt to the ground and the damage is estimated at about \$2,500.

WOMAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT.

"IGNORANT OF THE LAW."

A Chinese woman was convicted before Major C. Willson, this morning, of the theft of \$89 from a passenger on the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong, yesterday.

It was brought out in evidence that, after stealing the money, which was done up in a neat bundle, the woman concealed it in her clothing. Her action was observed by another passenger, who gave evidence in court.

The defendant denied the offence, and pleaded that she was ignorant of the laws of Hongkong. Asked what she meant by such a statement, she explained that she had only just arrived in the Colony, and being ignorant of the law, was accused of the theft.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

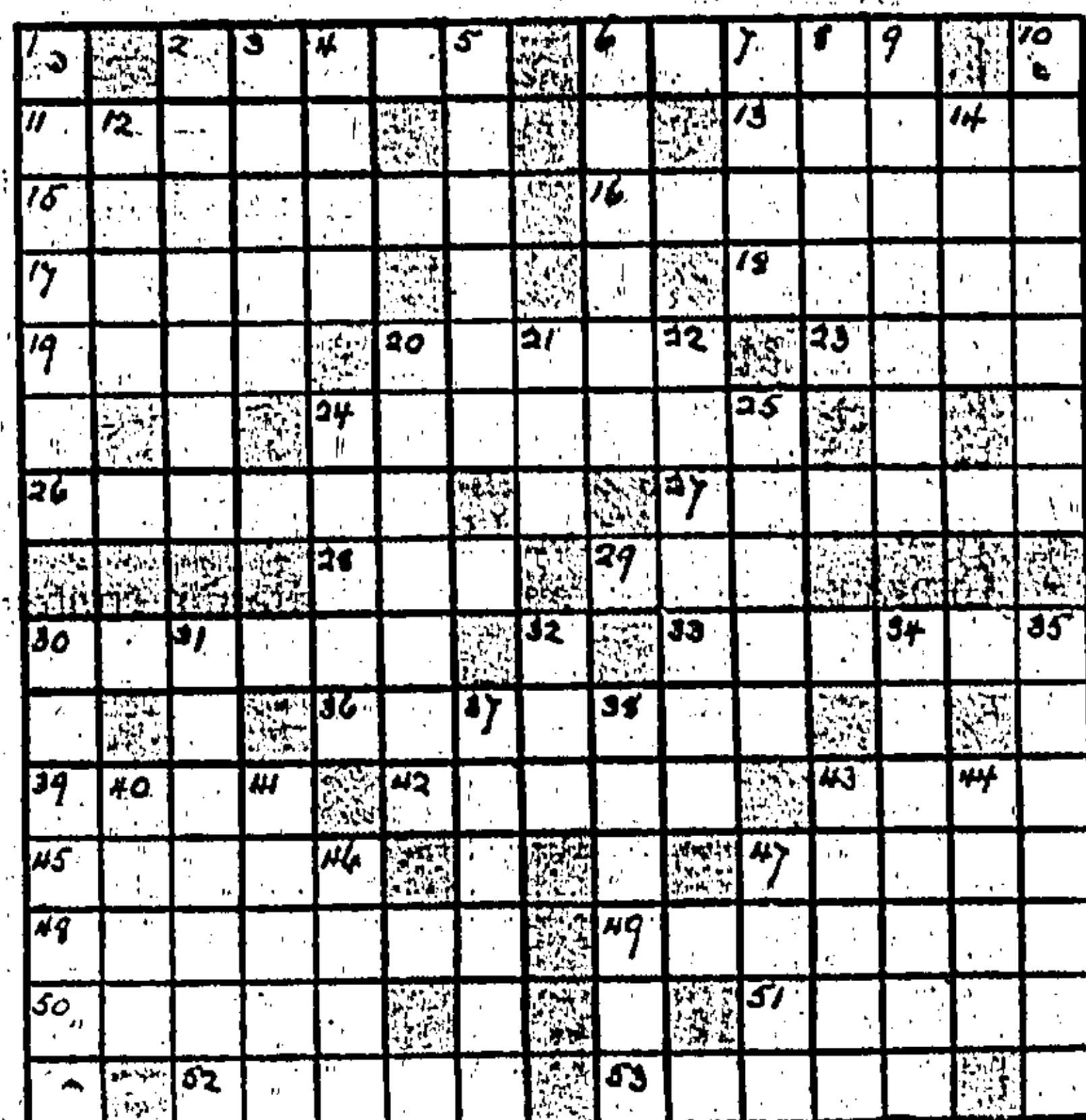
HONOUR FOR MR. A. G. PASSMORE.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL
AWARDED.

We are officially informed that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the grant of the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. Alfred George Passmore, late Chief Warder, Prison Department, Hongkong.

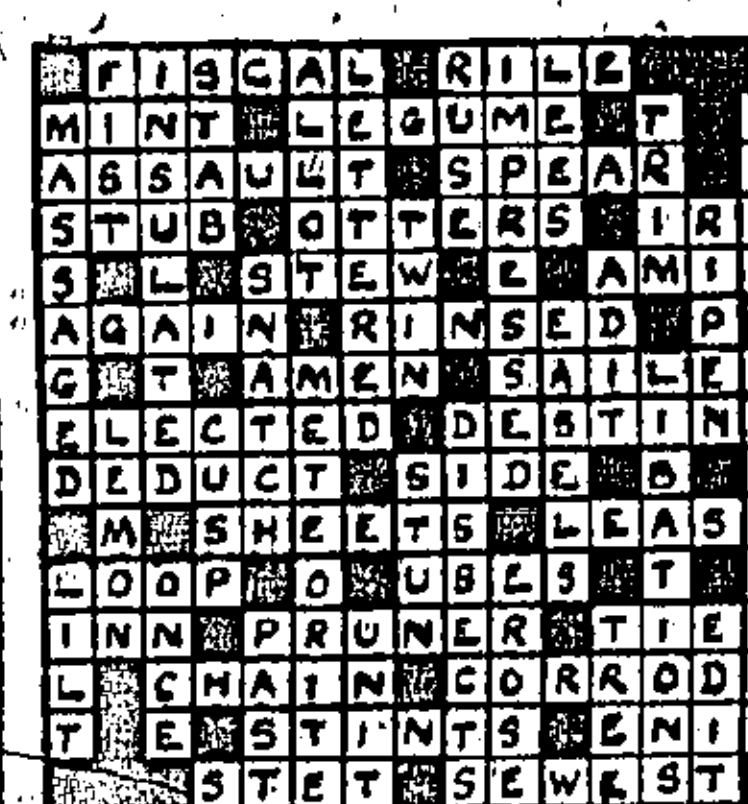
Mr. A. G. Passmore, who was born in 1872, joined the Hongkong Government service as a warder in 1897. He was appointed Principal Warder in 1902, and Chief Warder in 1918, retiring recently after long and meritorious service. His many friends will be glad to learn of the honour he has received.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- 2 Laziness.
 - 6 Part of the verb "to dare."
 - 11 Taxed.
 - 13 Exalt.
 - 15 Journeys.
 - 16 Freed from obstructions.
 - 17 Entices.
 - 18 Lighted.
 - 19 Mohammedan chief.
 - 20 Kingdom.
 - 23 Refuse (Arch).
 - 24 Whisky illicitly distilled.
 - 25 A seal.
 - 27 Required.
 - 28 Rate.
 - 29 Silence by violence.
 - 30 Perform again.
 - 33 Executed.
 - 36 Physicians.
 - 39 Thick shrub.
 - 42 Loves to excess.
 - 43 Layers.
 - 46 Odd.
 - 47 Kind of coarse short cotton.
 - 48 Price for keeping goods in a store.
 - 49 Part of a nautical ladder.
 - 50 Furnished with a sole.
 - 51 Girl's name.
 - 52 Roman magistrate.
 - 53 Hole in a vessel's bow.
- Down.
- 1 Simple.
 - 2 Looking fixedly.
 - 3 Bar of metal turning on a fulcrum.
 - 4 Poems.
 - 5 Cooked heart of a hog.
 - 6 Teachable.
 - 7 Gold-bearing quartz-vein.
 - 8 Killed.
 - 9 Lingered.

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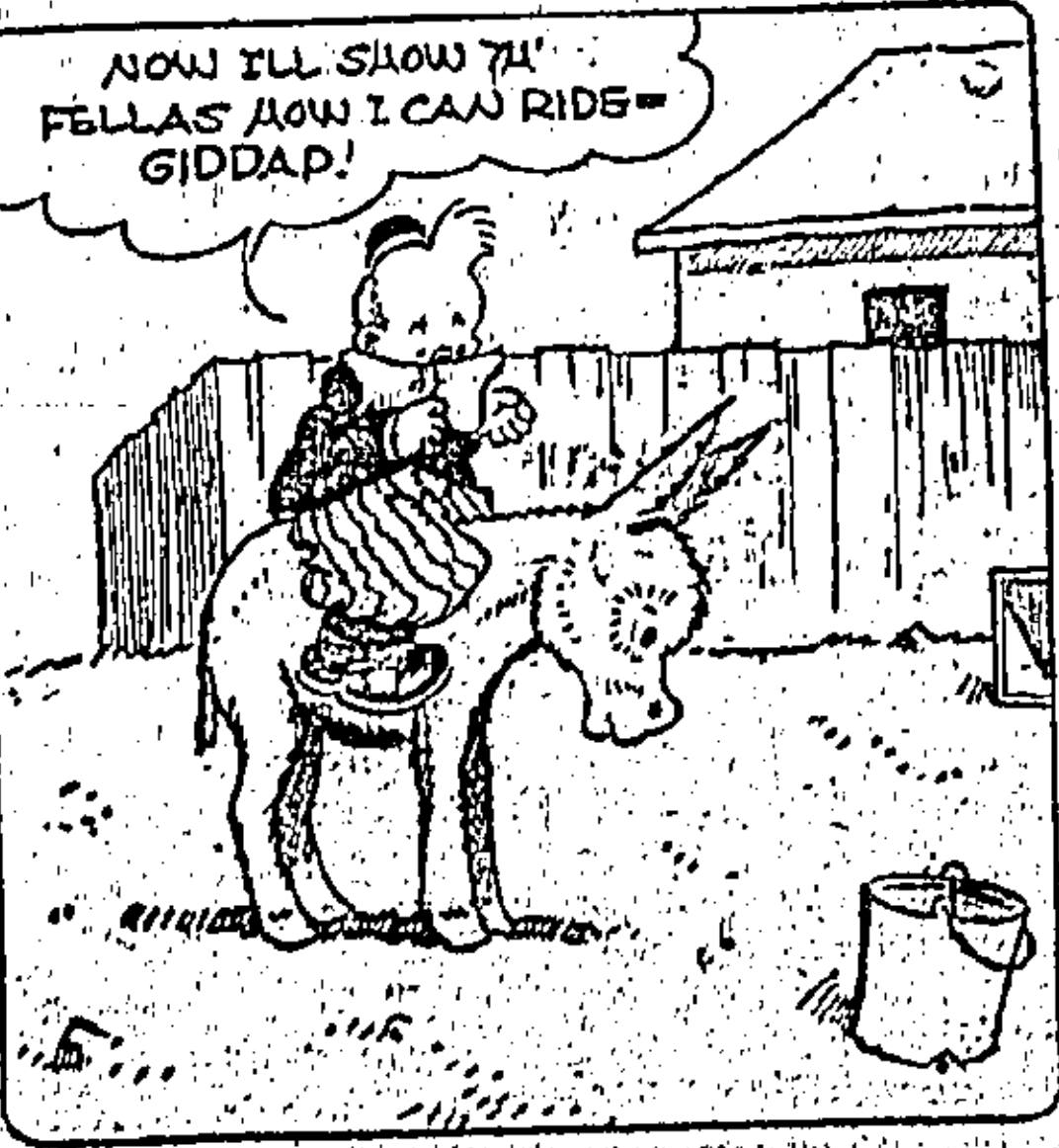
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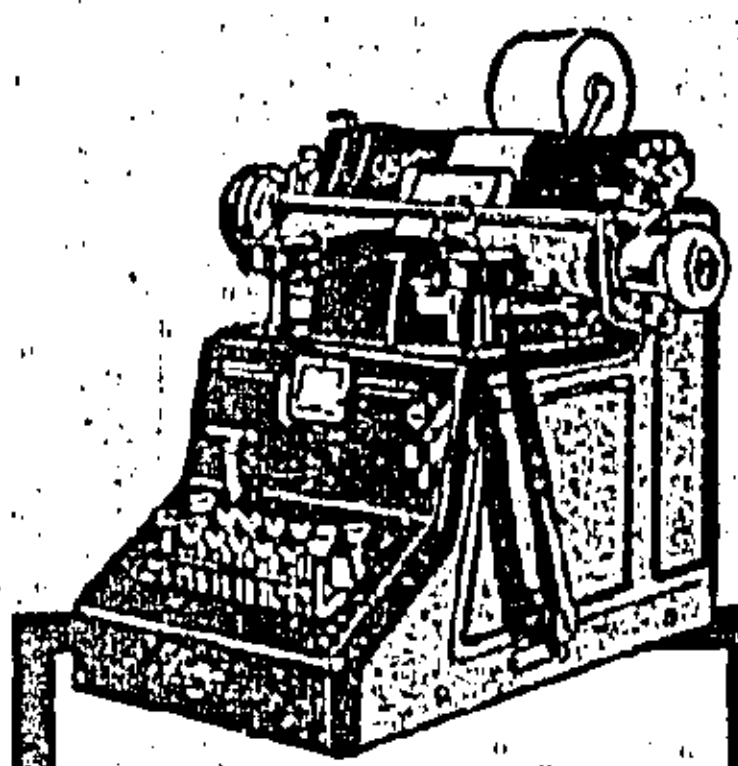
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IN CANTON NOW.

So far, there have not been any serious reactions as a consequence of the recent coup in Canton, when the forces of General Chang Fat-kwai seized control of the city, and ousted the troops owing allegiance to General Li Chai-sun. There would still appear to be a good deal to be explained regarding the real motives underlying the coup, and, that being the case, it is by no means easy to estimate the future course of events. When the upheaval occurred, there were all manners of fears, expressed as to the probable outcome, but, as is so often the case in Chinese political developments, most of the predictions of the prophets have failed to materialise. There is at least this satisfaction to be obtained on glancing at the present situation—that the position in Canton at the moment is no worse than it has been for some considerable time past and that there are some aspects which give cause for hopes of better things to come.

In conversation with a foreigner who has long resided in Canton, we gathered that the people generally are not apprehensive of any real trouble in the immediate future, but, this fact notwithstanding, there is current a marked feeling of uncertainty concerning likely happenings in political circles. The bulk of the people are heartily sick of these recurring changes, and they really do not care who rules them so long as they are left in relative peace to carry on their ordinary avocations. Even the "Canton for the Cantonese" slogan makes no particular appeal to them, the fact being that they have a far more vital interest in their own daily concerns than in politics. So much, we presume, can be said of the people of most other Chinese cities and provinces—they are prepared to leave politics to the politicians, with the hope ever uttermost that the struggle for power shall affect the ordinary citizen as little as possible. There is one aspect of the Canton situation which is worth noting, and that is that the expectations of out-and-out "Red" rule, which were held in some quarters, have not been realized. Indeed, the new Government has been quite firm in dispersing the 1925 strikers and ousting them from their rent-free premises.

Then, too, we hear that placards denouncing Communism are freely displayed in the city these days. Much may, of course, depend on what is precisely meant by "Communism," but, be that as it may, the new regime has so far given little evidence of being unduly "Red."

Whatever the future may have in store, it would appear that there is at present no outward sign of serious anti-foreign feeling in and around Canton. The recent attempt to resuscitate the anti-British boycott soon collapsed and there seems little inclination at the moment to revive any such movement. That, at any rate, is so much to the good. So far as Hongkong is concerned, it can be said that this Colony does not concern itself with the internal politics of Canton. Its one desire is to live on terms of amity and friendship with its neighbours, provided there is evidence of a reciprocal spirit on the part of the Canton authorities. Such a relationship must be to the mutual benefit of both places, and it is one which the two Governments would do well to cultivate and encourage.

Mineral Supplies.
The question of the world's minerals has come up for a great deal of discussion lately, in view of the increasing demands made by industry and by new inventions, and the fears of an eventual shortage. A somewhat striking instance has been provided by coal, which was the first mineral to come very much into industrial use after the discovery of the utilisation of steam. In the time of our grandparents, this matter of the probable exhaustion of supplies of coal came prominently before the public, and estimates were made by scientists as to what stocks the world held, and just how long it would be before all available supplies had been mined. There are still fears that the time is coming when coal will be scarce and vastly more expensive than it is to-day, and yet at the same time there is a very much smaller demand owing to the increased use of fuel oil and petroleum. Thus we are switched on to another aspect of economic conservation, for the world is waking up to the possibility of oil supplies also becoming so short of the demand a generation hence, as to be almost unobtainable at reasonable rates for industrial or general use when the needs of warships and aeroplanes, as well as army mechanised units, have been met. At the same time one reads of the discovery of new wells, and of oil running to waste because there is no means of getting it into storage. Perhaps we of this generation are inclined to be prodigal in our use of such a very valuable mineral oil, and are laying by trouble for those who are to come after us. Be that as it may, the fact remains that supplies appear to be ample at present, and the governments of the world are more concerned about obtaining sources of oil than about conserving it. The production of artificial fuel is increasingly important from the viewpoint of the future needs of mankind, and this accounts for the interest which recent German claims towards this achievement have aroused. Now we learn of a fear that the supplies of tin are likely to " peter out " in the not very distant future. At the rate at which all metals and other products of the world's substratum are being mined, the day is bound to come when even the common minerals of our times will be precious. Yet it is always a comfort to fall back on a belief in man's ingenuity, and capacity for adapting himself to circumstances, however adverse. No doubt before the time comes that coal, crude oil, or tin have become really scarce, the world will have found efficient substitutes, and the " scare " of this era be a matter for amused comment to the good folk of the twenty-first or any subsequent century.

MOTOR-CAR THEFTS.

A CHINESE CHARGED IN COURT.

Tang Pat-piu appeared before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, on a charge of attempting to steal spare parts from car No. 2220. The arrest took place in consequence of special police surveillance at Statue Square, where a number of thefts of motor-car tools and spare parts have occurred lately.

On the application of Detective Sergeant Baker defendant was remanded for forty-eight hours in police custody.

DAY BY DAY.

"WE'RE A JOCK TAMSON'S BAINES!"
—Scots Saying.

The Committee of the Hongkong Horticultural Society has fixed February 23rd, 1928, as the date for the next annual Show of flowers and vegetables.

Malay fishermen sighted two sharks on north beach at Penang last week. They were chased and shot, and they made off in the direction of Tanjung Tokong.

Mrs. J. R. Wood is to open a sale of work done by the inmates of the Blind Home, Kowloon, at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday next. The sale opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Kitanu Maru yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Perry, Mrs. E. M. Bevan and children, and Mr. T. P. Hall.

Boatmen in the vicinity of the Monkokkai Ferry Wharf yesterday saved a woman, aged 51, from drowning after she had jumped off a ferry. The would-be suicide was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A small outbreak of fire which occurred in the workshop of the Kowloon-Canton Railway at Kowloon at 3 p.m. yesterday, was put out without much trouble, the services of the Fire Brigade being not required when they arrived.

The Dutch steamer Van Heutz, arriving from the Straits, with 1,779 Asiatic deck passengers reports the death of one en route. No cause of death was stated in the Harbour Office report, but it is announced that the body was buried at sea.

An unknown Chinese passenger travelling on a ferry between Hongkong and Yumati shortly after eight o'clock last night, jumped overboard and was drowned. A search for the man was unsuccessful, in spite of the use of a searchlight from a police launch.

A charge of being in possession of 120 pounds of sugar, reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained, was brought against the mistress of a junk, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. It was intimated that a solicitor had been instructed to defend and the case was adjourned till Friday.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day: Tando, Sanjin Maru, Tonjer, Colorado, Kitano Maru, Fushimi Maru, Santos Maru, Korei, Maru, Moji Maru, Liangchow, Hseng, Pres. Adams, Pres. Cleveland, Sarpidon, Hongsang, Van Heutz, Ermland, Hiram, Machaon, and Mongolia.

The Royal Observatory reports: The Manchurian anti-cyclone has weakened. Another has formed over China. The typhoon is now shown to the east of the Bonins. Strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China, and fresh monsoon over the China Sea. The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 11 arrivals and 16 departures, of which four and six respectively were British. Tonnage was comparatively low, with poor inward freights, but heavier through registries. The best returns of the day were made by Japanese, British, Swedish and American. There remained 61 vessels in harbour at 9 a.m., of which 20 were British.

TAINTED PORK.

SHARP REPROOF BY MAGISTRATE.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lind-sell this morning with having in his possession, with the view to a sale, pork which was unfit for human consumption, a Chinese said it was his intention to convert the fatty parts into lard.

His Worship:—You can frankly admit that you attempted to make lard out of tainted entrails?

Defendant:—It was to have been mixed with oxfat.

His Worship:—You dare to make rotten stinking fat as lard for food? What else is lard for except for food?

Defendant:—It would be used in painting ships and boats.

His Worship expressed his surprise at the statement, and defendant gave yet another explanation that fat would be used in the making of tallow. He denied that he ever contemplated any other use for the tainted meat.

A Sanitary Inspector informed the Court that another summons would also be taken out against the defendant.

A remand was ordered.

MARINE COURT CASES.

HEAVY SENTENCES INFLICTED.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hale, a number of interesting cases were heard, somewhat out of the usual routine of the court. Heavy fines were inflicted, the defendants in all cases, pleading guilty.

Mak Cho-kam, master of a trading junk, was charged with (a), failing to hoist the red flag whilst having on board dangerous goods, to wit, 1,006 tins of kerosene in the harbour of Cheung Chau, and (b), failing to report his arrival at Cheung Chau on November 23.

A fine of \$20, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment on the first charge, and \$25 with the same alternative on the second charge, was inflicted, the terms to be consecutive.

Lo Sun, master of the motor-boat Ah Loo I, was charged with (a), carrying passengers outside the harbour limits, contrary to the terms of his license, and (b), leaving the harbour of Victoria without a proper clearance.

Accused was fined \$50, with the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment, on the first charge, and \$20 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment on the second charge, terms to be consecutive.

Wong Yau, master of water-boat Sze Wo II, and Kwok Kam, and Sun Kam So, master of lighters, were charged with leaving the harbour limits without a proper clearance, and were fined \$25 each, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

Four masters of trading junks were each fined \$5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment, for mooring their craft inside low-water mark during dark hours.

INTIMIDATOR GETS HARD LABOUR.

ADVOCATES CLAIMS OF ILLEGAL SOCIETY.

Two Chinese were charged before Major C. Willson, this morning, with demanding money by threats, and also with intimidating a foki of a piecegoods shop in Jervois Street, with a view to getting the latter to join an illegal society.

Evidence was given to the effect that the first defendant visited the complainant in the latter's shop on Sunday, and after inducing the complainant to go to a tea-house with him, threatened him with bodily harm if the complainant would not become a member of the Wo Hong Wo Society within the next few days. The fee for joining the Society was \$12.

The complainant made a report to the police, who furnished him with a \$5 note and instructions to hand same over to the first defendant.

The next day, the second defendant appeared at the complainant's shop with a letter from the first defendant. The letter stated that the first defendant was sick and the money could be handed to the second defendant. This was done and the police were notified at the same time. The two men were eventually arrested.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on the first defendant.

The second defendant was discharged, there being insufficient evidence against him.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 29.
Paris	124
New York	4.87 1/2
Brussels	34.99
Geneva	35.99
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Madrid	89.75
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.09
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.34 1/2
Vienna	24.57 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	29.32 1/2
Lisbon	2.71 1/2
Athens	3.70 1/2
Bucharest	7.90
Bombay	55.99
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/6
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
Silver (port)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/16

—British Wireless.

STOLEN POLISH.

COOLIE SENT TO PRISON.

A coolie employed at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's store was charged before Major C. Willson, this morning, with stealing three bottles of Adams' furniture and floor polish.

Mr. B. S. Rogers stated that the coolie had been 15 months in the employ of the Company.

Pleading guilty, the defendant was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

The Very Idea!

A honeymoon couple got into a railway carriage on their way to Scotland.

The porter noticed that there was rice in the bride's hair. He pulled a folded paper from his pocket.

"A present from the company," he said, handing it to the man. "A railway map. The blue marks show all the tunnels and the lengths of them."

A prisoner named Antoine van Ingelen has made a remarkable escape from a "wagon cellulaire," or special kind of "Black Maria," adapted for use on the railway. This ingenious person managed to make an opening in the roof of the truck, through which he climbed, then dropped on the permanent way between Ath and Forest, and disappeared. He has not yet been recaptured.

Man fined at Willesden: Can I say a few words more? Magistrate: Only two. You can say "Thank you."

Nottinghamshire witness: With your permission, gentlemen, this man has a very bad character.

Solicitor, at Bow County: So your husband has sold the home? Woman: Yes, and he would sell me if he could.

Walthamstow woman: My motto has always been, "If you get a good husband, stick to him."

Barriester, at Westminster County Court: He told my client to go to the infernal regions. Judge: Sir, Alfred Tobin: He told him to go to hell, I suppose? Barriester: Yes. Judge: Tobin: Well, why not say so? You seem to think I am a fool. It is trifling with the judge.

Scene—Princes-Street tea-room. Lady visitor, after asking more scenes from waitress who departs without saying a word—"Yes, she's like all other Scottish waitresses. If they hear you they say nothing; if they don't they say 'Eh?'"

The barometer for Ulster is now set fair.—Viscount Craigavon.

The funeral style of singing madrigals as dead as Queen Anne.—Sir Richard Terry.

There is always someone ready to produce a stick to belabour the poor banker.—Mr. J. Beaumont Pense.

There is no such thing as ptomaine poisoning; it's a "Mrs. Harris" of medicine.—Dr. W. G. Savage (M.O.H. for Somerset).

The next great world war will start on May 28, 1928, and will continue until September 16, 1936.

—Mr. Basil Stewart, at a meeting of British Israelites.

Traveller (who has ordered a whisky in a Highland inn)—"Sorry to put you to the trouble of fetching water specially for me."

Landlord—"Hoobs, mon; it's nae trouble. We always keep a drop on the premises in case of fire."

Twenty workmen's dinners of steak pie and vegetables, amounting in all to six pounds of meat, three pounds of fat, three pounds of pie crust, eighteen pounds of vegetables and eight pounds of greens was the modest meal consumed for a wager by Henry Bullion, a Deptford stevedore. The twelfth dinner took the edge off his appetite, but after drinking a few pints of beer after the fourteenth he was able to chew his way manfully to the end.

A Bloomsbury watchmaker, who is still alive and making watches, once won a bet at the Cheshire Cheese, London, by racing another man at putting away a specially-made pudding.

There were four mounds of beef-steak and kidney for each, a dozen oysters, mushrooms, and a brace of partridges with a thick crust on the top of the pie. The watchmaker had already eaten his midday meal before entering the race.

A man desirous of booking seats for a certain play rang up the theatre. He got the wrong number, and without asking to whom he was talking, he said, "Can I get a box for two to-night?"

"We don't have boxes for two," answered a startled voice at the other end.

"Isn't this the Theatre?" he asked angrily.

"Why, no," came the reply. "This is an undertaker's."

Any one who scoffs at fishermen's stories should go at once to the fish pier at Boston, where the greatest fish story of history—a haddock with three eyes which was caught by a local trawler outside Boston Harbour—is on exhibit.

Naturalists have declared that a three-eyed haddock is unprecedented, and numbers of them have made special visits to see the fish, which is to be presented to a local museum.

The third eye is midway between the normal ones.

"PAY OR DIE."**MISSIONARY SEIZED BY BANDITS.****BEATEN AND ROBBED.**

The Foochow correspondent of the *Shanghai Times* writes: The following is a copy of a letter received from the Rev. Charles H. Riggs of the Shaowu Mission of the American Board, written on October 31 while en route for Shaowu from Foochow. A later telegram announces that Mr. Riggs arrived safely at Shaowu, having walked the last 80 miles.

Monday night, October 24, I got safely aboard the launch at Foochow, he says. It was as crowded as any boat could be. We had a berth reserved, but it was too short to lie straight out. The bunks all had four occupants and the passageways and roof were all full. Over 100 passengers and some 15,000 pounds of freight were on board. We pulled out at 11 p.m., passed under the upper bridge without mishap and went some 20 li to a place where there is a shallows and waited for daylight.

Tuesday we started at daylight, but soon got stuck on a sand bar, and had to call small boats to our help. Later we were held up at a Likin office and everything everyone had, except my things, was examined. They were very polite and did not ask me to open my things. We left Du Ki at noon and at 1 o'clock I heard shots ahead. We were told to close our windows, which we did, but the brigands did not shoot at us. We arrived at Sui Kuo at five, but the Likin office made us wait until nine next day before they would examine our goods.

We got started at 10.30 and arrived at Lu Ki Kuo at 4.30 and spent the night there. We had passed five bands of brigands, none of whom fired at us, although we had to keep our windows closed. Thursday we passed another band at about 10 o'clock. They fired at us, but did not even hit the boat. Without further disturbance we reached Yenping at about 3 p.m. The water was too shallow to proceed, so after looking up some people in the city we transferred our goods to an unoccupied market boat (goose boat). We were assured that it was perfectly safe as these boats pay the bandit fees and are not disturbed. About midnight some soldiers tried to commandeer our boat, but the captain bought them off.

Buy Off Soldiers.

Friday at about 8 we started, had to buy off some more soldiers, got stuck several times because our boat was too heavily laden, and finally sprang a leak and had to tie up for the night. Saturday we started at daylight, passed one band of brigands without trouble, had an empty boat catch up with us and put some of our freight and passengers on to it, and made better progress. We were hailed just as we entered the gorge, but were let pass upon the boatman showing his receipt for payment when he came down river several days previously.

In the middle of the gorge we met about a hundred sparrow boats coming down. They had soldiers on board for protection. Both soldiers and brigands began firing just as they passed us. Shots fell all about us. The boatmen were well scared, but kept on going. I was sitting on top of the boxes watching the scrap and had a clear view, but as both soldiers and brigands were hidden I could not see at what they were aiming. The sparrow boats put in to shore and the bandmen hid among the rocks. After a while the shots began to fall into the water about 100 ft. from our boat. The surface of the water looked as though it were raining. Then the firing shifted and the shots came nearer. Four struck within a foot of me. That was enough for me so I buried myself under some bedding. The boatmen kept on rowing, so we left the fight behind us. None of our crowd was injured and as the brigands had their hands full with the soldiers they did not bother us. The next bunch we passed were satisfied with the usual payment of levy and did not bother us. We arrived late at Wang Tai, having spent two days coming from Yenping.

Threatened To Shoot.

I went ashore to mail a letter, but was stopped by sentries who were quite nasty and took my letter from me. They threatened to shoot me and to do other dire things, but when the matter was referred to their officer he decided to let me go.

Sunday morning the boatmen started at daybreak, but I did not wake up until about 8 o'clock. The other passengers except my two companions had left the boat. About 9 o'clock we came to a brigand hold-out and were called in to shore. The boatmen paid the usual levy, which was accepted. One more band of brigands safely passed. (Continued on Page 14.)

AMERICAN DEALINGS WITH TURKEY.**ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.****PUBLIC FEELING HOSTILE.**

Washington, Nov. 29. Mukhtar Bey, the new Turkish Ambassador to the United States, has arrived here.

Since landing at New York from the liner *Leviathan*, on November 28, he has been guarded by detectives, as a State Department precaution against hostile demonstrations, in view of the strong anti-Turkish feeling still apparently existing in the United States owing to the massacres of Armenians during the late war, which has hitherto prevented the Senate from ratifying the Lausanne treaty.

The exchange of Ambassadors now occurring is rendered possible by the special Turco-American agreement signed on February 18 last, as the result of which Mr. Coeledge has exercised his constitutional prerogative in favour of resuming diplomatic relations. — *Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH STEAMER ASHORE.**WITH CARGO FROM THE FAR EAST.**

London, Nov. 29. A message from Hamburg states that the French steamer *Docteur Pierre Benoit*, which was voyaging to Hamburg from the Far East with a cargo of general goods, has gone ashore near Brunshausen.

Tugs are standing by. — *Reuter.* The *Dr. Pierre Benoit* is a vessel of 7,914 gross and 4,973 net tonnage, built in 1918 by the Uraga Dock Company and engaged by the same firm.

Her dimensions are, length 445 feet, beam 58 feet, and moulded depth 40 feet.

She is operated by the Messageries Maritimes, and when sailing from here on October 12, commanded by Captain Nollegues, she carried 500 tons of cargo from Hongkong and 5,000 tons from the north. Clearance was made for Dunkirk, via Colombo.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF CHANGES.**EFFECT ON BRITISH EXPORTS.**

London, Nov. 29. Questioned in the House of Commons as to the new Australian tariff on iron and steel, particularly the increased duties against British exports of such items as bar iron, iron and steel tubes, and rails, Captain Mackenzie, the Under Secretary for Overseas Trade, said he was awaiting full details of these new duties and other proposals from the Commonwealth Government and on receipt of this fuller information the question whether any representation to the Commonwealth could usefully be made would be considered.

He added that this country received preference, and would continue to receive preference. — *British Wireless.*

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.**NO REDUCTION IN CHARGES.**

London, Nov. 29. The Postmaster General, replying to a question in the House of Commons said the telephone authorities in the United States and he were agreed that it was too early to consider any alteration in the present charge for trans-Atlantic telephone communication.

A suggestion made in the question that the price should be reduced, say on Sundays, so as to make it possible for conversations to be enjoyed between families and friends in Great Britain, Canada and the United States, would be borne in mind. — *British Wireless.*

BRITISH INTERESTS IN IRAK.**IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON.**

London, Nov. 29. Jafar Pasha, the Prime Minister of Irak, who had left London on Sunday to return to Baghdad, has been recalled by King Faisal, in connection with discussions now in progress with the British Government upon the future relations of Britain and Irak. — *British Wireless.*

GOOD FORTUNE.**SHANGHAI PROPHET KIDNAPPED.****TIMELY POLICE RESCUE.**

Wu Kien-kwang, the famous old Chinese fortune teller, known to thousands of Chinese and many foreigners as he sat consorting with the powers of the internal regions as he told fortunes in his room in Nanking Road, Shanghai, opposite the entrance to the temple, was saved from possible death by a spectacular coup carried out by Municipal detectives late on Monday night of last week.

The fortune teller, who is reputed to be very wealthy, was recently carried off for ransom. When he was rescued on Monday night by a party of Municipal police from Central Station, headed by Detective Inspector James Hunter and Detective-Sergeant Pike, he was being held prisoner in the servants' quarters of a foreigner's house at 15 and 17 Kinnear Road.

His presence here indicated that the servants employed by the foreigner, five of whom were arrested when the police raided the place. Old Wu who is nearly blind, was held prisoner there, but the No. 1 boy, believed to be principal in the detention arrangements, was not in the building when the police swooped down on the place and arrested the five kidnappers.

Acting on information, Inspector Hunter and the other detectives laid their plans well and proceeded to the house at 10 p.m. on Monday. Surrounding the servants' quarters, they tried to enter quietly but could not. They then forced the door after catching the two guards napping.

The police fired several shots and disarmed the guards, subsequently arresting the two and three more inside the place. Old Wu was released to continue his fortune telling.

40 Years A Fortune Teller.

This spectacular raid which gave Wu his freedom was climax of an unusual story of Wu's experience in the detention of the kidnappers. Wu, who is nearly blind, is 63 years of age, a native of Kwantung and has acquired remarkable reputation among the Chinese of Shanghai and district for his ability at discerning the veiled paths of life, and the fund of good advice which goes along with fortune telling.

He was in his office in Nanking Road on November 1 when a Chinese woman called and asked him to go to her house to tell fortunes. He accompanied her to 51 Carter Road but as he was leaving, he was kidnapped by a gang of six men who pushed him into a car and took him to Woosung. After being there some days, the gang took him to the Kinnear Road house, where they told him he was to be tried and much propaganda was worked on him in this way.

Accused at Court.

He was conducted to the upstairs room of the servants' quarters where he was kept until he heard shots on Monday night and the police rescued him. Wu, who is not totally blind but manages to catch dull glimpses of things, was able to tell many details of his story when the five Chinese were brought before the Provisional Court and were remanded in order to enable the police to effect further arrests.

Wu declared that the police arrived in time to save him from committing suicide. He had decided to do it, that very night, rather than stand his treatment, the bandits demanding \$100,000 ransom and threatening to cut off his ears if he did not pay it. At 1 p.m. on Monday, two hours before he had decided to make away with himself, he heard shots and thought the kidnappers were going to kill him. He hid under the blankets and recited Buddhist prayers but his fears were eased when a Chinese detective arrived and told him he was safe.

It was indicated at the Provisional Court that six other members of the gang are still at large, and a remand was ordered to enable Inspector Hunter to get them.

YOUNG PICKPOCKET.**ORDERED THE BIRCH.**

When charged with picking \$6 from the pocket of a Chinese in Caine Road, a small boy told Major Willson this morning that he found the money in the street, but was beaten by a detective and made to admit that he stole it.

The incident concerning the theft was stated to have occurred during a procession. According to the detective, the boy was seen to pick the money from the pocket of a spectator who unconscious of the theft, later moved on and could not be traced.

The boy was ordered to receive twelve strokes with the rattan.

YOUNG CHINESE IN AMERICA.**VIEWS OF OLD HONGKONG STUDENT.****POSSESSOR OF MILLIONS**

New York, Nov. 8.

A young Chinese, who thinks that "the movies are swell," who gets "a kick from American slang," and believes the Dempsey-Tunney fight was "enormously grotesque," is Lim Chong-pang.

Lim, a young millionaire and an evident genius at business, has just arrived with his wife from Singapore. It is his first visit to the United States, the length of which he traversed coming from San Francisco to New York.

His reaction to the life and institutions of this country are a weird medley of conclusions, a sort of mental Chopi Suey, and they range from the exceedingly grave to the gravest. He is 23, a graduate of St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, and the virtual head of a Singapore concern doing a \$15,000,000 business annually.

Here are a few of the remarks this untypical young Chinese made to the United Press:

"The movies are swell. In France my wife and I went three times a day. Only the reels should run twice as fast, in tempo with your civilization."

"In Denver the manager of a cinema threatened to throw my wife and myself out of the theatre because we laughed uproariously at one of your 'slow motion' pictures. We considered it an apt satire, and we laughed and applauded because we wanted to appear politely entertained in a foreign country."

"Next to the Dempsey-Tunney fight, the greatest entertainment I have had in this country occurred during walks on your crowded streets. It is a sort of game which I call Pedestrians' Jiu-jitsu."

"Apparently, the one purpose in the minds of people here is to see how many other persons they can knock down, or knock out, in a given number of blocks. I was slow at first to understand the game, but the victories are increasing."

"I tripped up two in San Francisco, three in Denver, half a dozen in Chicago and both my wife and myself expect to do better in New York, where there is more competition in Pedestrians' Jiu-jitsu."

Well Dressed.

Lim was dressed impeccably in a brown sack suit, and looked sartorially like any promising young bank clerk or salesman. But the sharp brown eyes denoted a piercing intelligence and an inordinate precociousness.

"Oh, I get a hell of a kick from American slang," he said. "British slang, which I hear in Singapore, seems flimsy. I think your slang is Oriental in spirit—your abstract grotesquerie is much like our, and that constitutes a sort of bond between our ancient civilization and your new."

Lim said he and his wife were almost stunned by the Dempsey-Tunney fight. He has travelled considerably, and seen vast crowds of his own people at Chinese wedding feasts.

"But it gave me an idea of how many people there are in the world," he said. "It was enormously grotesque."

This Oriental visitor expects to stay in the United States for two months, during which he will study conditions at rubber centres in this country, and will then go to Europe.

"I who am married," he concluded, "should not say it, but your women are extraordinarily beautiful." It was plain this confession disturbed him. — *Ez.*

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE AGREEMENT.**COMMONWEALTH LINE COMES TO TERMS.**

Melbourne, Nov. 29. The Commonwealth Shipping Line has concluded an agreement with the Waterside Workers' Federation, whereby all Commonwealth liners are to be exempted from any strike. The waterside workers agree to work overtime on Commonwealth liners throughout Australia, if necessary.

It is authoritatively believed that the agreement precludes the calling off of the strike, or at least its suspension until after Christmas, with the resumption of work on normal conditions, including overtime. — *Reuter.*

A thief who entered Messrs. N. S. Moses and Company's offices, in the Bank of Canton Building, between closing time on Monday and yesterday morning, is reported to have stolen, from an unlocked drawer, goods to the value of \$250. These consisted of fountain pens, pencils, and manicure sets.

RUBBER POSITION.**RESTRICTION SCHEME OVERHAULED.****EFFECT ON PRODUCER.**

Writing from London, under date of October 26th, to the *Strait Times*, Mr. A. W. Still says:

It would be like sending coals to Newcastle to write in any detail about the new aspects of the rubber restriction policy which have been disclosed during the past week. The effect of the long looked for Colonial Office announcement is simply to transfer action from London to Malaya.

Briefly, the Colonial Office announced that no changes would be made in the regulations, but that the Governments in the territories concerned would be asked to "overhaul the machinery of the scheme" with a view to increasing the efficiency of its working. The regulations are contained in the announcement made in October, 1926, under which the pivotal price was raised to 1/9, the conditions fixed governing rise or fall of exportable percentage, and the decision that under no circumstances would the exportable be reduced below 60 per cent. or raised above 100 per cent.

The machinery means the estate assessments, the issue of export credits, the prevention of smuggling and other more or less routine matters. I am, however, in some doubt as to the position of the "unused coupons."

It will be remembered that until Nov. 5, 1926, all export rights were of indefinite validity. On that date the Colonial Office decided that export rights in Malaya existing before February 1, 1927, would continue valid for export at any time after issue, but that

those issued after February 1 would cease to be valid on the expiration of three months following the period for which they were issued. Similar conditions were made with regard to coupons issued in Ceylon, but, after protests made by that Colony, based on the fact that Colombo is not, like Singapore and Penang, outside the restriction area, the Secretary of State agreed to abandon the limit period of validity as far as Ceylon was concerned, the effect being to give endless validity to Ceylon coupons.

Colonial Office Decision.

You will have noticed that the recent official communication contains as its final clause an intimation that "if it is considered that any changes are necessary, full right is reserved to make them as from Feb. 1, 1928, as long notice being given as may be practicable in the circumstances." By that date the position in reference to "unused coupons" ought to be more clearly defined, and there should be fuller knowledge also as to the effects of the overhaul of machinery in the restriction areas.

If it is considered that the changes made are inadequate, or if it is obvious that outstanding coupons are merely a menace to the market, and not really wanted by producers, definite changes may be made for the remaining three quarters of the sixth year.

On the whole, I think, the decision of the Colonial Office, acting, no doubt, under the advice of the Committee over which Sir Matthew Nathan now presides, is sound. I have expressed the view that the right to put the exportable below 60 per cent. should be restored as it serves usefully to check over-assessment.

I am of opinion also that a sound rule in regard to export rights would be to washout all

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What is a seismograph?
2. Name two games, otherwise, entirely different, that require mallets and balls.
3. What is (a) a fraize, (b) a frenc?
4. Where are the Crown jewels kept?
5. What countries were opposed in the Hundred Years War?
6. What is the tenth anniversary of marriage sometimes called?
7. By what means was Switzerland known to the ancient Romans?
8. What famous poem begins "Of man's first disobedience and the fruit of that forbidden tree"?
9. Give, within one degree, the average normal temperature of the human body.
10. Name the capital of Japan.
11. Who composed the music of "The Lost Chord"?
12. What is an isosceles triangle?

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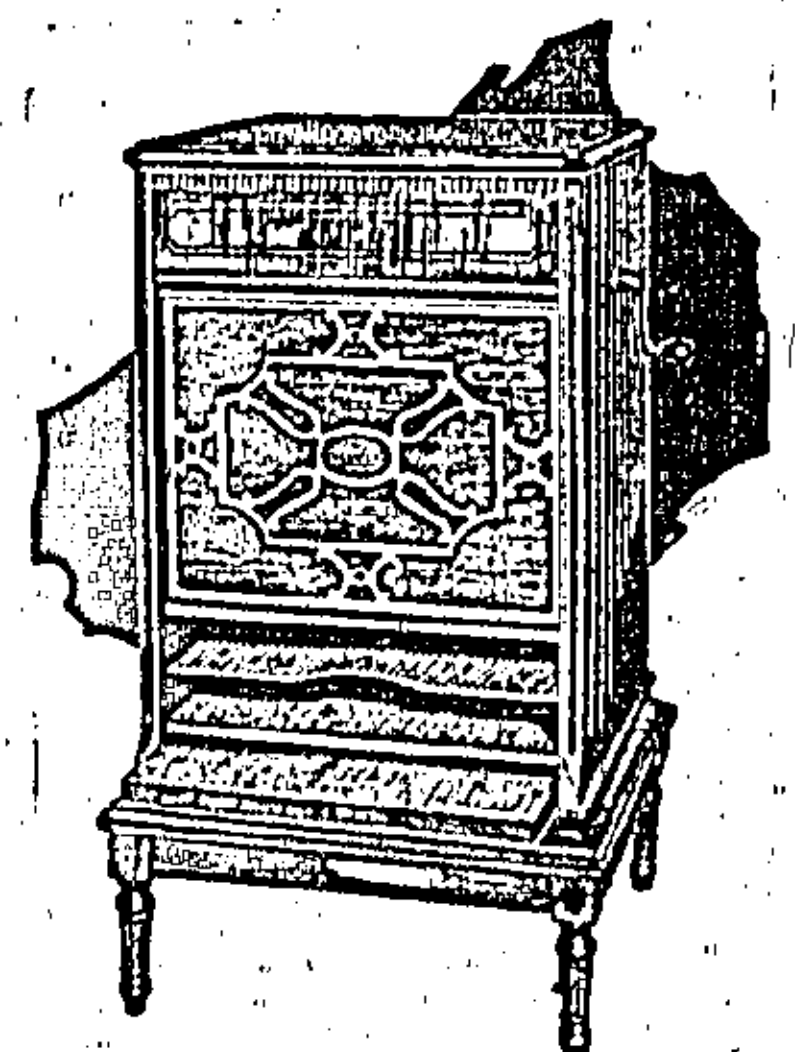
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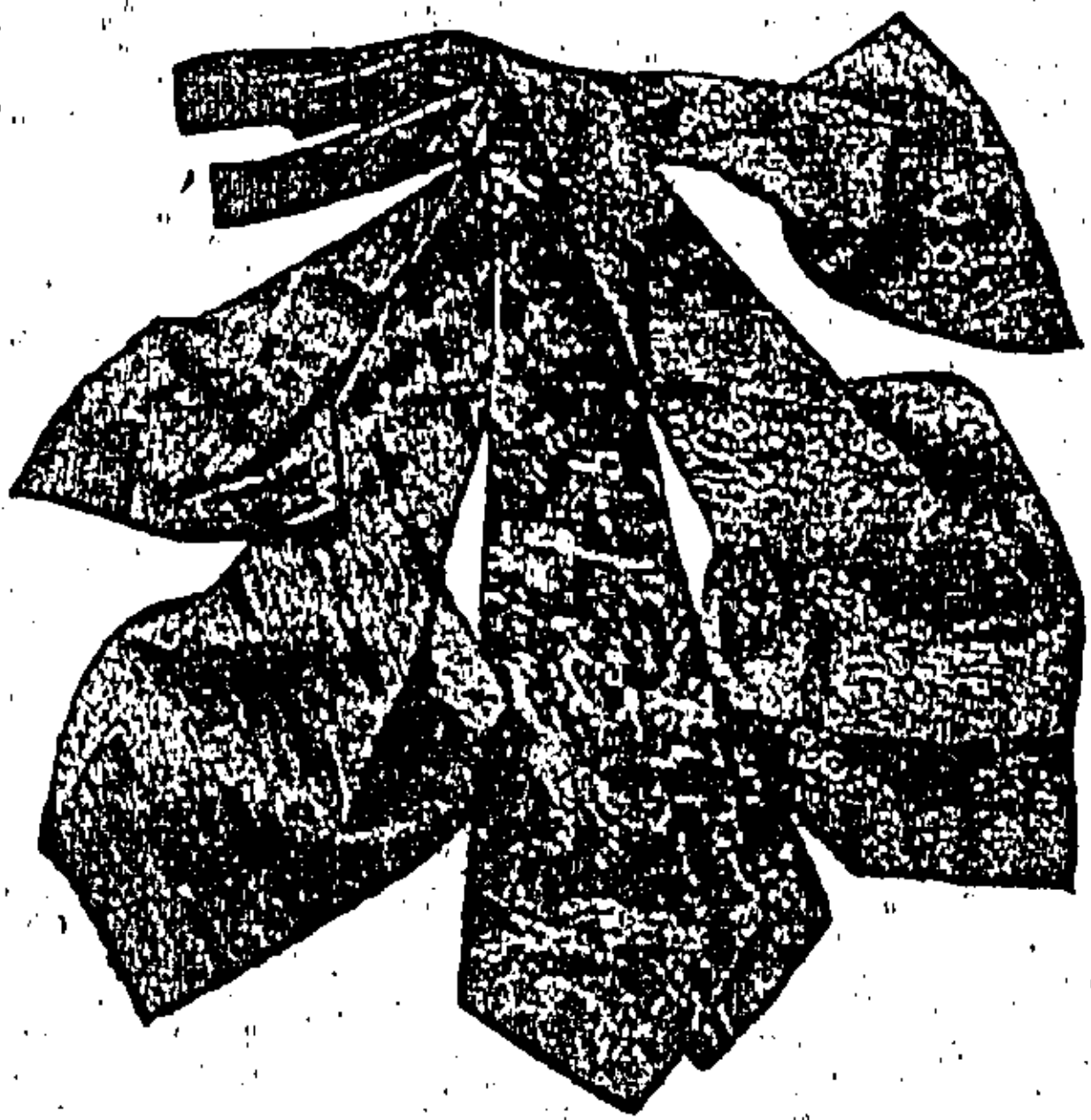
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POLICE RESERVE.

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Strength. The following members of the Chinese Company have been passed out as efficient in Part 1: Constables R. 9 Li Shing, R. 28 Chan Ping Fan, R. 31 Kai Shun Mark, R. 38 Ngan Chi On, R. 40 Ng Chi Lan, R. 55 T. C. Woo, R. 59 Yeung Kwan Sul, R. 65 Lo Mang Teel, R. 66 Lawrence S. Y. Wong, R. 67 Chow Ching Chiu, R. 68 Lam Sam Yuen, R. 69 Kwong Loong, R. 70 Francis Man Chong Wong, R. 71 Wong Chun Fuk, R. 72 Marius Woo Fok Hong, R. 75 Ip Ping Chi, R. 77 Pan Hon Yin.

Commendation. Constable R. 18 Hwang Hong Yeh is commended by the C. S. P. for prompt and correct action in searching and arresting a Chinese found to be carrying seditious literature. The man is detained pending Deportation Proceedings as an undesirable.

Equipment Officer, P.C. R. 8 Tso Tsun On is appointed Equipment Assistant Officer to date 1st December, 1927.

Indian Company. The following members of the Indian Company have been passed out as efficient in Part 1: Constables R. 206 Ahmed Khan 1, R. 220 R. P. Ghilote, R. 238 Noor Mohammad, R. 243 Ujagar Singh.

Flying Squad. The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong section on Thursday, December 1st, will start from Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

Dress—Khaki.
General. (Part 3 Musketry.) The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in multi on Sunday, December 4th, at 10 a.m. sharp for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson. 15 men to be detailed by O. C. Chinese Co., 8 men to be detailed by O. C. Indian Co., 15 men to be detailed by O. C. Flying Squad.

Police Training School. Classes for instruction in Part 2 of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday, December 1st, and Tuesday, December 6th, commencing both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training Part 1. (Squad Drill.) All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part 1 will parade in multi at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows: Chinese Company on Thursday, December 1st, and Tuesday, December 6th.

Flying Squad on Tuesday, December 6th.
Fall in on each evening at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
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Sharpshooters Company. Applications can still be received for membership of this Company, applicants must be good rifle shots.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



BOXING TOURNEY.

THE CONTENDERS IN
THE BIG FIGHT.

BENNETT MOST-FANCIED.

[By "Wanderer."]

We have heard so much of Corporal Donald Duncan, the British Marine who has been doing sensationally brilliant things in the Shanghai ring, dealing almost cursorily with all-comers, British, American or any other nationality, when it comes to a test of boxing skill, that in the absence at the moment of any prospect of seeing the man himself, the appearance on Saturday at the second tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association of one of his unsuccessful challengers, should prove a draw to local fight fans.



A. B. Bennett, most-fancied contender for Saturday's welterweight championship.

It is possible that too much could be said about Gunner Hornsey's clash with Duncan, but one thing is certain, he was looked upon as an extra good thing before the fight, and his record undoubtedly proves him as a worthy contender for the welterweight championship of this Colony. After all if Duncan arrived in Hongkong, considerable trouble would be experienced in finding him an opponent likely to draw out his best.

Hornsey's Good Record.

Hornsey will meet A. B. Bennett at the City Hall in the fifteen rounds contest for the Colony's championship, and sufficient is known about the latter to satisfy the public that he will not go under unless the opposition is something more than ordinarily good. If boxing parlance is permitted, Hornsey is "no chicken" either.

Of many years' experience, he has fought frequently at the London Ring, is a strong hitter, with a particularly nippy left hand, has plenty of grit, and a long record of successes. Bennett fought the late Stoker Morris in Hongkong, and there was controversy enough over the decision, whether one thought the verdict correct or otherwise, to leave little more to be said regarding his capabilities. Unless the fight comes to a disappointingly early finish, it should be a fight worthy of the name, and though Bennett is the most-fancied contender, he will need to keep a wary eye open for Hornsey's "wicked" left.

Another Newcomer.

Another new-comer to the Hongkong ring, Marine Harris, coming from the same school as Hornsey, should give the spectators something to think about. If Harris is as good as he is reputed to be, I am inclined to think that Stoker Sharples will go down very easily; in fact, that in this case, the match-making has not been of the best order, but something may be left to Mr. Brook's sagacity in this respect, and the question can very well be left at that until the decision has been given and we have had opportunity of judging for ourselves.

THE WORLD'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

ALEKHINE WRESTS TITLE
FROM CAPABLANCA.

END TO LONG CONTEST.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 29.

The Russian master, Alekhine, has wrested the chess championship of the world from the Cuban exponent, Capablanca, who had been invincible since 1921.

The conditions of the match provided that the title should go to the first winner of six games, and Alekhine has won 6 to Capablanca's 3, after 25 games had been drawn—a total of 34 games before the contest was decided.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LADIES' GOLF.

YESTERDAY'S COMPETITION.

A Shanghai foursomes competition was held over the New Course, Fanling, yesterday (29th inst.) for prizes presented by Mrs. L. G. S. Dodwell, and resulted in a win for Mrs. Whyte-Smith and Mrs. S. B. C. Ross with a score of 52-12-80.

It is not necessary to go over the remainder of the contests arranged in detail. The majority of the contestants are well known enough to give promise of a tournament a little above the usual standard if anything.

Signalman Morris's return will prove welcome, it will be more than interesting to view the form of Signalman Shons, who has fought Chadwick at Home, and since the bout arranged is only a six-rounder it is not really necessary to enquire the result. If Shons was thought good enough to meet Chadwick at all, there must be quite a lot to recommend him to the favour of the Hongkong public.

It is now definitely decided that Iron Bux will not appear. The programme announced last week will be completed by a six rounds contest between Piper Smith, K.O.S.L., and Pte. Schiff, No. 1, A.D.M.S., at the middleweight limit.

McGregor Not Appearing.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Boxing Association writes as follows:



Gunner Hornsey, who appears in the Hongkong ring for the first time on Saturday, against A. B. Bennett.

Owing to a misunderstanding, the announcement that Guardsman McGregor, of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, will be matched against Leading Seaman Hall at the tournament on Saturday is in error.

The Association have been informed that Guardsman McGregor, owing to this misunderstanding, is not in training for the event and therefore it would not be fair to him that the contest should take place.

RIVALRY FOR HANKOW POSTS.

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will also interview General Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. Wang Ching-wei while he is in Shanghai.

The General declared that he came from the front via Pengpu and Nanking. The expedition, he said, is very successful and the Nationalist forces are now arrayed at Nansochow, near Hsuehchow, where Marshal Sun retreated after losing Pengpu. General Ho claimed in one interview that Marshal Sun's army lacked arms, 20,000 men possessing only 10,000 rifles, although the combined Chihli-Shantung armies are in better plight, that the Nationalist captures of men and material he claimed to be very excessive.

There are eleven Nationalist divisions in North Kiangsu, the General stated, and these men will co-operate with General Feng Yushiang in operations against the Fengting forces.

Regarding the Canton situation, which has had such a profound effect on the plans for the 4th Kuomintang conference, General Chang Fat-kwai, present controller of Canton through the coup d'etat recently carried out, formerly assured the Nationalist authorities here of his loyalty and his intention of assisting them. The trouble, the General declared, was instigated by the Communists, but he does not believe that the Canton troops will combine with the defeated troops of General Tang Seng-chi in Hunan.

BANKS FOR MUKDEN.

British and American Interest.

Mukden, Nov. 21. In view of the projects of the Chinese authorities to construct more railways with Mukden as the centre and to improve the harbour of Hulatao, a big American and a big British bank, the National City Bank of New York and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China have decided to establish their respective branch offices in this city and are now making preparations to this end.

The foreign banks, which have already their branch offices in this city, are the Bank of Franco-Chinese for Commerce and Industry and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The business of these banks was at a standstill for some time, but they have now begun to display activity to compete the projected two new banks.

Thus there is a prospect that Mukden will become an international market and may overwhelm Dairen which is now doing a splendid business.

SHARE DEALS.

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tervened, saying that he could not allow the question with regard to the present claim.

Mr. Loseby replied that he did not believe that the plaintiff bought the shares at all. It certainly went against his credit that he had no books.

Signature Admitted.

Dr. Woo said, in evidence, that he signed the I.O.U. either in 1926 or 1927. He did not sign it in 1925. He gave it to the plaintiff. Explaining the circumstances, Dr. Woo said that he bought from the plaintiff 1,000 Tramway shares and a similar number of Hongkong Hotel shares in June, 1925. He (defendant) could not pay the amounts, so the plaintiff agreed to advance the money to him and receive interest. The amount on which he had to find interest was something like \$54,000, on two sums of money.

Answering his Lordship, defendant said that in the meantime the plaintiff had the shares.

Mr. Loseby interposed, saying that the defendant did not know whether the plaintiff had the shares or not.

Defendant when further questioned said he supposed the plaintiff had the shares. Continuing, the defendant stated that the amount claimed was for interest on that amount of money. The I.O.U., he said, represented interest for one month. He later corrected himself, and said it was for two months. The rate of interest was 10 per cent. per annum. He gave an I.O.U. frequently to the plaintiff. When he could not pay full interest he paid what he could and made up the balance with an I.O.U.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Loseby said he agreed that the parties were bound by the purchase documents, but he contended that the transaction had never been carried out.

Questioned by Mr. Loseby, the defendant stated that he had never borrowed the sum claimed, and the plaintiff had never at any time lent money to him in notes.

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Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day, besides "Slide, Kelly, Slide" at the Queen's Theatre, included "A Thief in Paradise" with Ronald Colman and Doris Kenyon, at the Star Theatre, and "A Lost Lady" with Irene Rich, at the World Theatre. "A Lost Lady" will be screened at 5.15 and 9.20 only, the picture in the World Theatre at 2.30 and 7.15 being the Chinese drama, "The Mystic Fan."

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INTERPORT CRICKET DINNER.

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In conclusion, Mr. Foster again expressed regret that Malaya had been unable to do better and ventured to hope that Hongkong would visit them next year.

A Good Tonic.

Replying on behalf of the Hongkong team, Mr. T. E. Pearce expressed his gratitude for the hospitality the Hongkong Club had extended to the teams. They were honoured by the presence there of H. E. the Officer Administering the Government and of H. E. Major-General C. C. Luard, and he thanked them for the great deal of interest they had displayed. He had heard some people call it a waste of time to watch cricket, but he entirely disagreed. Those who saw the finish of the match between Hongkong and Shanghai last Tuesday must have felt it was a good tonic to them all. (Applause.)

Mr. Pearce went on to say that it had been the custom of the Captain of the Home side to review the game, and he proposed, like the chairman at the company meeting, to follow the usual procedure. He paid a high tribute to Captain Barrett's remarkable fine innings, when he scored 145 out of a total of 234 made off the bat. The achievement was one of the finest exhibitions of batting he had seen.

Mr. Pearce expressed congratulations to Stokes on his fielding, and said that one of the turning points of the game was Allison's slogging. After further congratulating the Shanghai team, Mr. Pearce referred to the way in which Captain Barrett had allowed, in fact insisted upon Bruce, after his accident, returning to bat. That action pleased him very much.

Referring to the Malaya side, Mr. Pearce thanked them on behalf of the local cricket fraternity for sending a side up to Hongkong. If the team had been here a few days longer, the result might have been very different.

The Critics.

The speaker went on to congratulate various members of the Malaya team, including Ford for his batting and Richards for his steady bowling. Speaking of the Hongkong side, Mr. Pearce said that the newspaper critics had had a lot to say about it. He knew Syer did not care a rap what the papers said about him, but he (the speaker) thought his fielding at cover point was very good; a run saved was a run made. He also suggested that Ramsey, another man the critics wanted to kick out, had done very well. It would be better, he considered, if newspaper critics would keep their criticism until after the match. After all in his opinion if they commence picking a team again to-day, it would be difficult to improve the present Hongkong side (applause). Mr. Pearce also referred to Bruce, Fincher and Haywards' batting, Dale's fielding, and Hankey and Dobie's bowling. Altogether, he concluded, the side was an excellent one, and he thanked the team very heartily for the way in which they had supported him.

He was also acting President of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and he regretted that "Dick" Hancock was not there with them that night. He was sure he was with them in spirit. He (the speaker) had received several telegrams from "Dick" Hancock, for which he was very grateful. They were also grateful for the excellent way in which everyone had responded during the cricket festival. Mr. Pearce expressed thanks to the Cricket Club and to other Clubs for

TWO ARCHDEACONS.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, has appointed the Rev. Mok Shau-tsang, Incumbent of the Church of our Saviour, Canton, to be Archdeacon for Chinese work in the Diocese.

The Bishop hopes to install the Rev. Alfred Swann as Archdeacon for English work, and the Rev. Mok Shau-tsang as Archdeacon for Chinese work in the Diocese, at the same service in St. John's Cathedral, the date for which has been provisionally fixed for Thursday 12th January, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

THIRTY-FOURTH GAME IS ADJOURNED.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 29. The thirty-fourth game between Capablanca and Alekhine was adjourned on Tuesday, though Capablanca believes he is bound to resign, Alekhine thus becoming the champion. *Reuter's American Service.*

OBITUARY.

VETERAN AUSTRALIAN TEST MATCH PLAYER.

Adelaide, Nov. 29. The death is reported of Mr. George Giffen, veteran Australian test match player. *Reuter.*

all they had done in entertaining the visiting guests.

The Guests.

The toast of the guests was proposed by Mr. R. Sutherland and was received with musical honours.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, responding, said they were all proud that Hongkong had won, and were none the less proud in that they had defeated such extraordinarily fine material. During the past week business had been at a standstill. Even the wheels of government had ground slowly. (Laughter.) Hongkong cricket week, he thought, provided a very fine tonic for them all. Shanghai and Malaya should not feel at all surprised that they had been defeated. The Hongkong team was a combination of all the talents. They were represented by the Navy, the Army and the Civil Service, and last but not least, commerce, in the aldermanic form of their captain "Tam" Pearce. As one who had keenly enjoyed the week's cricket he wished to express thanks to all who had taken part and given them such a fine exhibition. (Applause.)

The flags of the defeated team were later handed over to the Hongkong Captain amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mr. H. E. Gardiner, Mr. H. Glover, Lieut. Commander A. S. Bedells, R.N., Mr. E. G. Barnes, Mr. D. W. Leach and Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. George Grimbale accompanying.

Departure of Teams.

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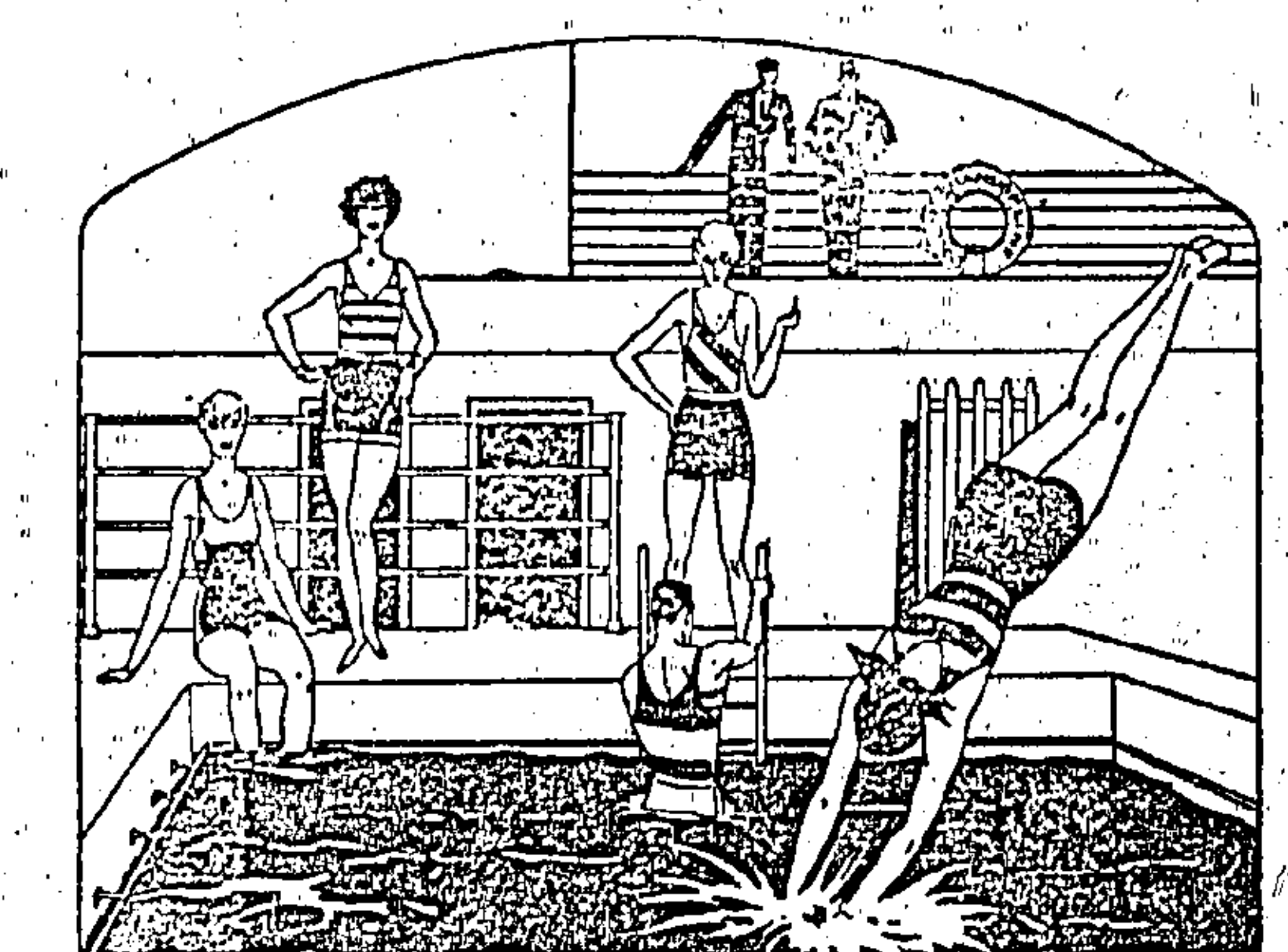
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LADY AGATHA, an Anglican nun, her sister, who condemns the place as a "House of Sin."

BURROWES, a steward.

CHAPTER IX.

The Duke of Altringham's demand for the production of the latchkeys, produced a different effect on each of the three upper servants.

The apoplectic butler gave a horrified gasp, and his face settled into a look of stern resolution. The plausible valet pleasantly and promptly put his hand into his pocket. The Duchess's maid exhibited little uneasiness after a first start of surprise, but knitted her brows, as though in deep reflection.

The valet was the first to respond. Taking a key like that in Dr. Tarleton's possession from an inner pocket, he advanced and offered it to his master.

"Here is my key, your Grace," the Duke waved, it back. "Thank you, Symonds, I only wanted to make sure you had it. That will do. You needn't wait."

Symonds looked as if he should have much preferred to wait. He backed slowly to the door and went out stealthily.

"Well, George?"

The butler nervously for an effort. "Begging your Grace's pardon, I've bin in your service twenty-two years next Christmas, and this is the first time your Grace has inted that I wasn't to be depended on."

His Grace smiled indulgently. "Nonsense, George. I have done nothing of the sort. I am only asking you to do what Mr. Burrowes has done already."

But George was not to be so easily appeased. "I am obligated to obey your Grace's orders; I know that well enough. But if your Grace insists, I should wish to be at liberty to perjure myself as soon as convenient."

The Duke was genuinely concerned. "I can't think why you should take it that way, George. I am casting no reflection on you whatever. One of these keys has been mislaid, and I merely want to know if it is yours."

"If your Grace asks me that question I will answer it," was the unhesitating reply. "But let myself be searched is what I never have done, and don't intend, begging your Grace's pardon."

And he scowled fiercely at the specialist, as though defying him to produce a pair of handcuffs.

"As far as I am concerned I am perfectly willing to take Mr. George's word," Dr. Tarleton put in soothingly.

But it was now the Duke's turn to be firm. "I am obliged to you, doctor; but this is my affair. If an old servant who has been with me for twenty years, and whom I had come to look upon as a friend, refuses to oblige me in a trifling matter of this kind, it is time for us to part. Burrowes will you arrange with my bankers for George to receive a suitable pension—say £150 a year."

The stout butler broke down instantly, and began to blubber. "Y—your Grace—I—I don't know what I was doing—I thought the gentleman was a detective."

He was already fumbling in a capacious coat-tail pocket, from which there presently emerged a vast collection of keys, most of them obviously with the cellars. Shaking with emotion, he thrust out the key demanded, and thrust it into the steward's hand.

"Take it, Mr. Burrowes, and don't let me ever see it again! After all 'is Grace's kindness I should be ashamed to use it—should, indeed."

"Never mind all that, George," his master called out, as the fat man shambled towards the door. "Go and get yourself a glass of that famous '92 port you picked up for me at Cheltenham."

As the butler sobbed himself through the doorway the Duke turned on the young French woman, who had observed the whole proceeding with a disdainful smile.

"And now, Pregut, I must trouble you."

Mademoiselle was all readiness to oblige. "I am just thinking where I have put this key last," speaking with a decided foreign accent. "I have not used him for a long time, no. Without doubt I can find him in my bureau if your Grace will give me the kind permission to go and search."

The Duke's eye referred this question to Dr. Tarleton, who responded by a slight nod. "I don't think there is any fear of her attempting to borrow the valet's key," he explained, as soon as the lady's maid had tripped gracefully out of the room, as self-possessed as if the missing latchkey were really waiting for her upstairs. "You may depend on it she has her excuse well prepared. She will tell us that she remembers putting the key away in a drawer, but that it has disappeared, she cannot say when or how. She is the sort of woman to have foreseen that some trouble might arise about it sooner or later, and to have made up her mind what to say in advance."

His Grace of Altringham seemed uncertain how to take these observations. He glanced doubtfully at the reticent steward. "You will take lunch with us, doctor, I hope. Burrowes, will you see that a plate is laid for Dr. Tarleton?"

Burrowes took the hint to withdraw, and his master turned confidentially to the specialist. "You must be frank with me, doctor. You think that this man obtained the key of the side-door from Pregut?"

"I think there is little doubt that he was in possession of her key. That is, assuming, that you still have your own."

The Duke flushed a dull red. "Really, sir?"

"I am only taking into account the possibility of its having been stolen from you, Duke," said Tarleton mildly.

His Grace slowly pulled out a bunch from his pocket, and exhibited a duplicate of the key in the investigator's keeping.

"Does that satisfy you, sir?"

"Thank you, Duke. The case is now complete as far as the key is concerned."

"Surely it goes beyond that, if you are right in supposing that Montacute came here to visit a woman? I thought of Pregut as soon as you suggested that as the explanation of his presence in Trafford House. You can see for yourself that she is just the sort of woman to attract a man. The whole case is simply one of a vulgar intrigue."

"Followed by a murder," the expert reminded him.

"The Duke's face fell.

"One of the menservants may have been in love with her," he suggested. "What about the negro? Doesn't it all hang together? He is probably the only person in the house besides Captain Theobald who knows the deadly character of the poison. Surely everything points one way."

The speaker's tone was almost imploring, and not less so was the expression with which he scanned the investigator's countenance. On his side Tarleton was considering deeply. Certain possibilities had occurred to his mind which he was not yet prepared to put before his noble client, especially as his Grace had already made one attempt to keep him in the dark.

At length he opened his lips again. "I sincerely hope that your theory of the crime may prove to be the true one. But I am bound to point out the objection which I see to it, and which is pretty certain to be raised at the inquest."

The Duke murmured something like a curse between his teeth. "On the one hand, it is very difficult to account for a man in Montacute's position, a successful actor with plenty of means, descending to steal into a house at night after night for the sake of a woman in Pregut's class of life. He could have taken a flat for her and visited her in perfect security. On the other hand, it is easy to account for his action if he were secretly keeping up his acquaintance with Lady Rosa. He had been forbidden the house, I understand, by the Duchess, and they may have been afraid to meet elsewhere for fear of its coming to your ears. In saying this I don't mean to cast the slightest doubt on your daughter. The visits may have been perfectly innocent. A thoughtless girl might take pleasure in defying her stepmother's orders in this way, without dreaming of harm."

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Most of the delegates representing twenty-six countries participating in the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, which resumes its work to-morrow, have now arrived at Geneva. For the first time in the history of the Preparatory Commission all the Great Powers, including two non-members of the League, the United States and the Soviet Union, will take part in its work. The Soviet representatives sitting in the Commission for the first time.

Among the resolutions of the Assembly and the Council relating to disarmament, which will come before the Commission is one providing for the establishment of a Security Committee, which will consist of the representatives of all States who are members of the League, sitting on the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, other States which are not members of the League, but which are represented on the Commission are being invited to take part in the work of the Security Committee if they so desire.

This committee will deal with the political problems of disarmament, while the Preparatory Commission confines itself to the more technical aspects. The Assembly has also decided that the first conference for the reduction and limitation of armaments should be convened as soon as this preparatory technical work has been completed.

Independent Reduction.

Reference to the extent to which Great Britain had, independently of any international agreement, reduced her forces in recent years, was made in a public speech by the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks, last night. He pointed out that Britain was the only country in the world which had abolished conscription immediately after the war ended. In 1914 the British navy had 44 battle-ships, to-day we had twelve. We had 133 destroyers, in 1914 we had 89. In 1914 we had 80 cruisers and to-day we had 37. In that way we had given testimony of our desire and our intention of disarming. When the war began we had a total of ships of war of various kinds amounting to 2,500,000 tons of shipping. At the end of the war we had 3,500,000 tons but to-day we had under 1,500,000. Officers and men of the navy then were 145,000 and to-day they numbered 100,000.

The Minister emphasised that in practice Britain had been in the forefront of the nations who settled disputes by arbitration and to-day Britain had 20 arbitration treaties with different countries. The British Government, he declared, were doing their utmost to reduce their armaments and their policy was entirely devoted to the maintenance of peace. But in view of the reductions already made and the responsibilities which rested on the British forces in all parts of the world, it was actually exceedingly difficult in the existing circumstances to make further changes.—British Wireless.

INDIAN POLITICS.

COMMISSION MEMBER
RESIGNS.

London, Nov. 29.

It is announced that Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., is unable to take up his duties as a member of the Indian Statutory Commission. The doctors told him that his health would not allow him to undertake a prolonged visit to India. Mr. Walsh has not yet formally resigned but has told Lord Birkenhead the circumstances and it is understood that Lord Birkenhead is considering the appointment of a successor. The approval of both Houses of Parliament must be sought before a change can be made.

The New Member.

Later.
The Labour Party at a meeting this morning decided to nominate Mr. Vernon Harcourt, ex-Postmaster General in the Labour Government, to succeed Mr. Walsh as member of the Indian Commission.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 29.
Acting on doctors' orders, who have advised him that his health would not permit of his undertaking prolonged work in the Indian climate, Mr. Stephen Walsh, one of the Labour members of the Royal Commission on Indian Reform has been compelled to withdraw. It is understood that his service on the Commission will be filled by Mr. Vernon Harcourt, who was Postmaster General in the Labour Government.—British Wireless.

CINEMA FILMS BILL.

SECOND READING CARRIED
IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, Nov. 29.

The second reading of the Cinematograph Films Bill was carried in the House of Lords last night. Lord Peel said the Bill was an attempt to free Great Britain's industry for the education of the rising youth, which as the result of the war, had been unduly hampered by adverse conditions. It was not an exclusive Bill and it would give ample opportunity for the exhibition of foreign manners, customs, habits and thoughts. Four-fifths of the whole range of exhibition was left open to the enterprise of foreigners.—British Wireless.

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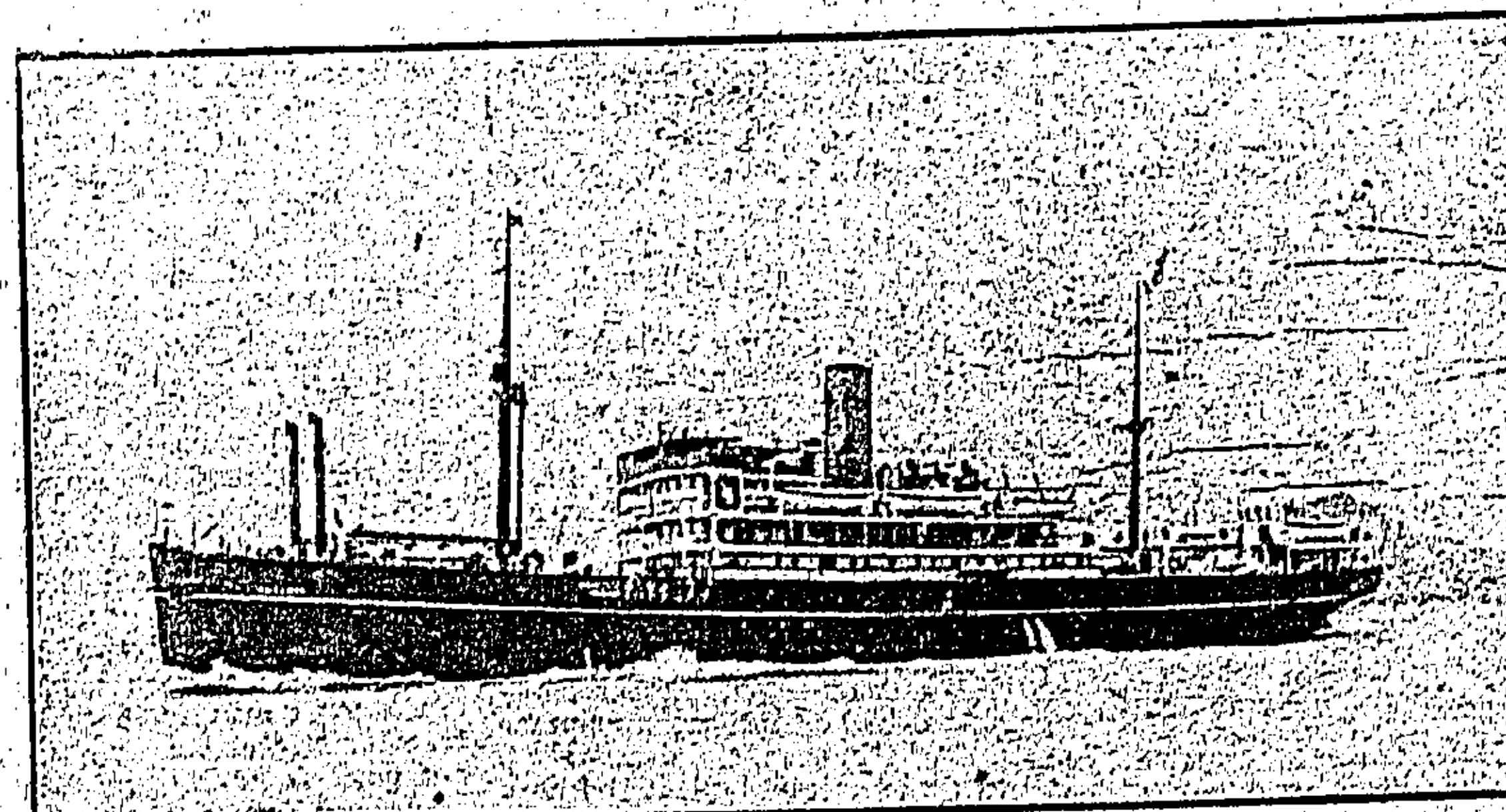
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SCOTTISH BALL.

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note in the cardroom. In which
radiators have been provided in
the event of the weather proving
cold.

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The official supper party will be
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Mrs. Southorn and the President
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Mrs. Hynes, Mr. R. Sutherland and
Mrs. Jackson, Mr. C. G. Alabaster
and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr.
Justice Wood and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr.
G. M. Shaw and Mrs. Brearley,
Hon. Mr. Hynes and Mrs. Cam-
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Mrs. Macdonachie, Mr. J. Owen
Hughes and Mrs. Cook, Mr. P. Tod
and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Capt.
Morrison and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. E.
Cook and Mrs. A. Stevenson, Mr. B.
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Mr. A. Ritchie and Mrs. P. Tod.

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Templeton, H.E. the Hon. Mr.
Southorn, Mrs. Luard, Mr. J. W. C.
Bonnar, Mrs. Sutherland, Com-
modore Pearson.

In the Vice-President's set, Mrs.
Pearson, Mr. A. K. Henderson,
Mrs. Wood, H. E. General Luard,
Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. Hallifax, Mrs.
Jackson, Mr. R. Sutherland.

The Committees.

The vast amount of preliminary
work entailed in bringing the
arrangements to completeness,
leaving no room for hitches this
evening, has been carried out by
members of the various commit-
tees, as under, who will also
official during the Ball.

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H. Shewan (Past President), Mr.
J. W. C. Bonnar (Past President),
Mr. R. Sutherland (Past Presi-
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D. Gow, Mr. E. Wylie, Mr. K. E.
Greig, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. W. Bove-
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Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden
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R. Macley, Rev. J. Kirk Macdon-
achie, Mr. J. J. Paterson, Mr. C.
L. Sandes, Mr. A. L. Shields and
Mr. E. L. Sim.

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Forsyth, Mr. A. Mackenzie, Mr. H.
M. McTavish, Mr. D. L. McWhir-
ter, Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray,
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son, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. L. M.
Whyte and Mr. A. Wylie.

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following programme:
Extra Waltz—Because I Love
You.

BRITAIN'S RUSSIAN
POLICY.NO MOVE FROM THE OTHER
SIDE.

London, Nov. 29.

In the House of Commons, the
Premier was asked whether his
speech adumbrating the renewal
of relations with Russia had yet
received any response from the
Russian Government, and whether
he proposed to take any more steps
in the matter.

The Premier replied that the
answer to both parts of the ques-
tion was in the negative. He
had not yet had any assurance
that the Russian Government
had ceased to interfere in British internal
affairs.—*British Wireless.*

ALGERIAN FLOOD
DAMAGE.VAST TRACTS ABSOLUTELY
LAID WASTE.

Algiers, Nov. 29.

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and aeroplanes are dropping food in
the isolated districts.

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roads, sections of railways, and
even entire villages have disappeared
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earth deposited by the waters.

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in this production by "The
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"Parade Lost." 9. 32° Fahr. 10. 12.
11. Sir Arthur Sullivan. 12. A
triangle with two of its three sides of equal
length.

1. Lancers—Amelia.
2. Fox Trot—Ain't She Sweet?
3. Caledonians—Caledonians.
4. Fox Trot—The Winding Trail.
5. Eightsome Reel—The Devil
Among the Tailors, The Black
Haired Laddie and The Kilt
is my Delight.
6. Waltz—Russian Lullaby.
7. Fox Trot—I Can't Forget
You.
8. Strathspey and Reel—Mar-
quis of Huntley and The
Piper O'Drummond.
9. Fox Trot—Moonlit Waters.
10. Fox Trot—Sailin' On.
11. Waltz—In The Middle of The
Night.
12. Fox Trot—Just Once Again.
13. Fox Trot—Proud.
14. Waltz—Let Me Call You
Sweetheart.
15. Caledonians—Caledonians.
16. Fox Trot—Me and My Sha-
dow.
17. Highland Schottische—Mac-
phedran's Strathspey, Lord
Blantyre and Stirling Castle.
18. Fox Trot—Sixty Seconds
Every Minute.
19. Eightsome Reel—The Fairy
Dance, Kate Dalrymple and
Jack Wilson.
20. Fox Trot—One O'clock Baby.
21. Strathspey and Reel—The
Devil in the Kitchen and Miss
MacLeod of Ransey.
22. Waltz—Cherrie-Beerle Be.
Extra. One Step—Rosa Lee.

CENOTAPH CEREMONY.

Wreath Laid on Monument.

There was a simple ceremony
at the Cenotaph this morning when
Mr. D. Templeton, Chief-tain of St.
Andrew's Society, laid at the base
of the monument a wreath, which
took the form of a St. Andrew's
cross set in a circular frame, of
white flowers.

Others present at the Cenotaph
were Mr. A. K. Henderson, Vice-
President; Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr.
E. M. Bryden, Joint Hon. Secre-
taries; and Messrs. G. M. Shaw, R.
Sutherland, B. Wylie, K. E. Greig,
Peter Tod, H. M. McTavish, W. A.
Stuart, J. D. Kinnaird and H. L.
Carson.

THE HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LAST EVENING.

The Annual General Meeting of
the Hongkong Horticultural So-
ciety was held in Jardine's board
room yesterday evening at 5.15,
with Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin in
the chair. There was a fair at-
tendance of members.

Addressing the meeting, the
Chairman said that the an-
nual show held last year was quite
a success as regards the quality
of the exhibits but he stressed
the point that the shows were
very expensive to organise, the
cost increasing every year. The
funds of the Society had been re-
duced to vanishing point and the
membership had declined from
272 in 1923, and 234 in 1924, to
the low level of 137 in the current
year. If the Society was to carry
on, it was necessary that mem-
bership should be increased to
more than 200 as soon as possi-
ble.

The speaker paid a tribute to
the retiring secretary, Mr. E. B. C.
Hornell, who is due to leave the
Colony in the near future and
whose work during the past four
years has been of inestimable
value to the Society. This was
recorded in the minutes.

The adoption of the accounts
and annual report were then pro-
posed from the chair and, having
been seconded, were passed with-
out a dissentient vote.

The following officers were
elected for the forthcoming ses-
sion.—President, Mr. C. E. H.

Beavis; Joint Secretaries, Messrs.
J. A. H. Plummer and Andrew
Tse; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. H.
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Dowbiggin, Mr. H. Green, Mr. F.
C. Hall, Mr. Ho Kom-long, Mr. F.
A. Perry, Mr. E. L. Sim and Mr.
J. P. Robinson.

In subsequent discussion, Mr. A.
Murdoch, as honorary Auditor,
directed attention to the cost of
the annual show. In the accounts,
he said, there were certain items
which might be included under
general expenditure, but which
had been debited to Flower Show,
making a total loss on the show
of \$2,000. He thought that the
question of making the show less
costly should be considered, or
otherwise, it would be impossible
to continue, as the Society would
very shortly be bankrupt.

The Chairman replied that the
question of reducing costs was to
be considered by the incoming
committee. The line of economy
generally suggested was the re-
duction of the silver prize list for
things which were easily grown
and the limitation of prizes in
certain other definite classes.

Mr. L. Gibbs rose to express ap-
preciation of the Chairman's re-
marks, stating that in his opinion
the horticulturist was a sportsman
and that trophies were not com-
peted for, for their material value.
In any case, the money prizes
were invariably given to the gar-
deners, therefore the reduction of
the prize list should meet with
general approval in view of the
benefit to the Society.

"PAY OR DIE."

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We had not gone 20 paces when
they ordered us to stop. Two
armed men came up to the boat
to look us over. They took our
cards and retired a short distance
to report that there was a for-
eigner on board. Orders were
called back to "Seize the foreign-
er," which they proceeded to do.

Some said that I could go but
others held out for more. They
tied me up tighter and a delega-
tion went back to the boat. The
two who were left to guard me
drove me over the hill to a thicket
where they had a seat built. They
set me down and demanded \$4,000
or my life.

Finally the boss of two big
boats that had just come in came
up the hill to pay his fees—re-
cognised us. He was a friend of
our pastor at Yangchow and had
acted as middleman for brigands.
Some say that he is linked up
with the brigands. Anyway, he
talked to them, said it would be
useless to hold me, and persuaded
them to let me go. They gave
me back my brief case minus
the money and said that I might
go. They insisted on holding the
others, so I refused to go. They
threatened to shoot me, if I did
not go, but finally said that if I
paid \$200 each for the others we
might all go. The boatman pul-
led out his wad of \$38 and offered
this as ransom if we would re-
pay him in Yangchow.

To make a long story short, they
finally closed at \$20 each—a total
of \$60, \$50 to be paid on the spot
and the balance by the boatman
after he had collected from us
at Yangchow. Our ropes were
loosened and we returned to the
boat.

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